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Pupils get the chance to cook school dinners

THIRTEEN young finalists took part in a "Masterchef" style cook-off at Frogmary Green Farm in South Petherton recently, as part of the Somerset schools My Best School Dinner competition.

Somerset County Council's public health team set up the cooking challenge to get local children and families more involved in the whole process of school lunches.

Contestants were asked to come up with a creative, nutritionally-balanced meal that they would enjoy eating themselves at school.

The winning entrants - Alfie Blackwill from St Cuthbert's Junior School, Emily Morrison from Wellesley Park Primary and Saffron Beake from Huish Episcopi Primary - were selected by a panel of expert judges. They will now see their meals, Emily's all-in-one roast, Alfie's lasagne surprise and Saffron's tomato and basil tart, included on the menu in their schools during the autumn term.

The Somerset schools shortlisted in the competition were: West Chinnock Primary, near Crewkerne; Haygrove Academy, Bridgwater; Huish Episcopi Primary School; St James School, Taunton; St Cuthbert's Junior School, Wells; and Wellesley Park Primary School, Wellington.

The children that took part were all aged between five and 15 years and between them they displayed confidence in their knowledge of food and cooking. Judges commented that the meals they produced were varied, interesting and of a very high standard.

Rachael Parker, health promotion manager at Somerset County Council and one of the judges, said: "The children were lovely, the standard of the food was incredible and the team did an amazing job in organising this event.

"Infant free school meals should help a family save up to £437 per year per child and will provide quality, healthy food for children every day. They will also help children develop good eating habits, are fun and will help to combat the rising problem of childhood obesity."

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council's cabinet member for children and families, added: "This event has been a great success and has really helped to promote the benefits of healthy school lunches – as well as being a lot of fun.

"All the finalists were chosen because they offered exciting and tasty meals that the judges felt children would enjoy. Congratulations to everyone who took part and I hope all children enjoy tasting some of their recipes in the autumn term."

Survey to assess flood damage to local businesses

WHILE the sun is shining and the roads are packed with holidaymakers, it can be easy to forget that just six months ago homes and businesses in parts of Somerset were underwater due to the prolonged period of flooding.

A snapshot survey by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce in February revealed that an average of £17,352 per business had been lost in financial terms and productivity due to the flooding in the first six weeks of the year.

Somerset Chamber CEO Rupert Cox explains: "When we conducted our initial research earlier this year, many of those most affected did not have power or broadband, or were busy trying to keep the water out and deal with the issues caused by flooding. As a result, and to get a more complete picture now the flooding is over, we're re-running the survey to find out what the true impact has been on Somerset businesses.

"We will use this information to fuel our future lobbying activity, ensuring that the required investment in infrastructure is made to protect homes and businesses in Somerset."

The survey can be found online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/floodingreview

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Funding boost of £4.7million a 'step in the right direction' Somerset students

DAVID Laws, MP for Yeovil and Minister of State for Schools, recently announced that Somerset schools will have fairer funding following years of lobbying from the county council, Somerset Children and Young People's Compact and local schools, academies, nurseries and pre-schools.

For years, Somerset has got a raw deal because of a flawed funding formula that is based on historical political decisions and out of date data. The county has for a long time lobbied for reforms to the funding formula and Mr Laws' decision to commit more funds to the area's worst affected has been described as a step in the right direction.

Somerset schools will receive £4.7million, the equivilent of £73 per pupil, in extra funding in 2015/16, a 70 per cent increase on initial proposals made in March. This increase recognises the unfair funding Somerset has received for many years.

The decision comes after Mr Laws met with the Somerset Children and Young People's Compact, council representatives and staff from local schools, academies and early years facilities in June to discuss and highlight the low settlement for Somerset pupils.

Councillor Frances Nicholson, cabinet member for children and families, was at the meeting with Mr Laws and welcomes his decision.

She said: "Somerset County Council is committed to achieving a national fair funding formula that delivers for Somerset children. This increase is a firm step in the right direction."

Headteacher and chairman of the Somerset Children and Young People's Compact, David Derbyshire, added: "This additional funding is welcome at a time when schools and early years providers face difficult budget decisions. There is still a distance to go before a truly fair funding formula is achieved across the country but this is a start."

Leader of Somerset County Council, John Osman, said: "This is fantastic news for pupils in Somerset. For years we have got an unfair deal from government and lobbied for the funding formula to change. This extra funding is a step in the right direction and will help schools secure resources and maintain education standards.

"After years of a growing funding gap in schools and early years provision, the extra funding will fill the hole in the budget and help avoid damaging cuts to education in the county."

Somerset County Council will decide where best to spend the extra £4.7m with the expectation that most of the money will go to schools, academies, nurseries and pre-schools.

W news briefing

Help needed to build compost loo

ARE you interested in how a compost toilet is built and managed? If so, come along from 10am on Saturday, August 16th to lend a hand building one at Lyewater allotments in Crewkerne.

Organisers will be providing lunch and refreshments for those who help with the build and just ask that volunteers bring their own hammer, a saw and a strong arm.

In 2011, land was obtained for allotments in Lyewater which, when the area was cleared, was made into 24 plots. Last year, deer and rabbit proof fencing was erected which made the site secure and allotment holders are now in a position to build the compost loo, which will be much appreciated.

For further information call Helen on 01460 76909.

Triple green flags for country parks

SOUTH Somerset District Council is celebrating a trio of Green Flag Awards for their countryside sites, including Chard Reservoir, Ham Hill Country Park in Stoke-sub-Hamdon and Yeovil Country Park.

It is the ninth year running that Ham Hill and Yeovil have received this award and the fifth year for Chard Reservoir. Ham Hill Country Park received its award in the form of a Green Heritage Award, which recognises the historic importance of the site and that the site is being managed to protect its heritage features.

The national award, handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country. A green flag flying overhead is a sign to visitors that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities. Each site is judged on a number of factors including cleanliness, conservation, and community.

Rachael Whaites, countryside manager, said: "The countryside team would not be able to achieve these awards without the dedication and hard work of the volunteers that carry out practical work, undertake surveys, are members of the Friends groups, fundraise and much more. The volunteers support the ranger teams every week with many volunteers working alongside the rangers for several years.

"The awards for our sites recognise and highlights that people in South Somerset are benefitting from a number of green spaces managed to the very highest quality."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for leisure and culture at South Somerset District Council, added: "We are very pleased to once again be awarded with a Green Flag Award from Keep Britain Tidy. Our rangers and volunteers do a fantastic job in ensuring the sites are all maintained to a superb standard for all our residents to enjoy."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at one of the country parks, either through the practical volunteer days or by becoming a member of our Friends groups, contact the countryside team on 01935 462282 or email countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk

Have your say on affordable housing

SOUTH Somerset District Council wants residents to have their say on the future of affordable housing in the area and the approach taken by the council by considering a draft strategy and questionnaire.

The consultation asks residents for their views and opinions on the Draft Housing Strategy Implementation Plan with regard to the future of affordable housing in South Somerset and asks questions such as "What other ways could we use to create more affordable homes?"

The draft plan also identifies key issues and priorities for the area including increasing the supply of affordable housing and making best use of existing housing stock to meet the housing needs of the most vulnerable residents.

Residents can visit http://bit.ly/1AU1AG6 to read the plan and then to complete the consultation questions. Alternatively, copies of the strategy are available by phoning the district council on 01935 462462.

The consultation closes at 12noon on September 17th.

Councillor Ric Pallister, leader of South Somerset District Council and portfolio holder for housing, said: "Any plan will only be as good as the input of those who contribute to it. We need to know if we have got it right, but it is essential for us to know if we have missed out matters that are important to residents.

"Housing and its availability is of critical importance to many South Somerset residents especially those in the 18-34 age range where affordability is a critical factor. Regrettably, the council does not have a magic wand but we do need to hear from all of you who are struggling to meet your housing needs with your suggestions as to anything more that we can realistically do to help."

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Record crowds at Ferne's fun day

RECORD crowds attended the annual family fun day at Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard, raising an impressive total of £7,036 for the charity.

The annual Family Fun Day held recently at Ferne Animal Sanctuary has just raised a whopping £7,036.56 for the charity.

The event was the largest fundraiser of the year at the sanctuary's Wambrook site, with attractions including a tug o' war, feeding animals, miniature railway ride, bouncy castle, circus skills and more.

A sponsored head-shave in which staff member Jo Fuller bravely lost her locks, achieved over £300 for the charity's "New Digs For Dogs" £1million campaign.

The Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, opened the event and commented: "This is the second year I have been given the privilege of opening this event. Everyone's hard earned cash spent today will help keep this fantastic centre open and fit for the future. For us it's a great day out – but for the animals who are homed here, it is their lifeline.

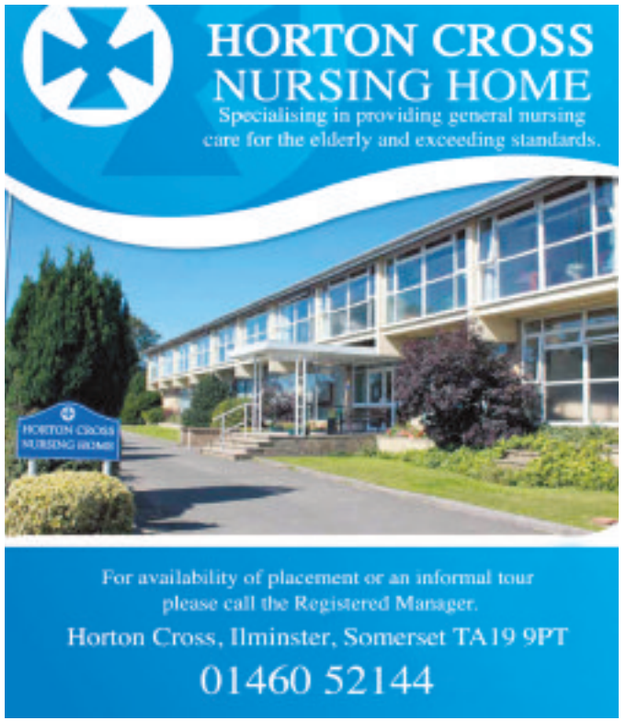
"Andy and I are regular visitors. We have watched the sensory garden being built and now we are looking forward to coming back again in November when the 'New Digs for Dogs' rehoming centre opens."

Acting director of Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Patricia Gardner-Harper, said: "A huge thank-you must go to all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day such a massive success. Everyone at Ferne is absolutely overwhelmed by the support and number of visitors on the day; it was way beyond our expectations. We now plan to make it even bigger and better next year."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary recently launched its £1million project "New Digs for Dogs" to build a new enhanced kennel block, improved grooming and veterinary care room, information hub, social unit, offices, reception and purpose built rehoming centre at their site.

Fundraising packs for the appeal and details of how to donate can be obtained by calling Ferne Animal Sanctuary on 01460 65214 or by visiting www.forneanimalsanctuary.org

■ **FUN FOR ALL: Above steam train rides were enjoyed by all ages while Ferne staff member Jo Fuller had her head shaved for the charity. Below, Ferne's animal mascots and the tug o' war**



Estadia chooses to support sanctuary

TAUNTON-based Estadia Ltd, a sales training, consultancy and telemarketing business, has announced that its chosen charity of the year is Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard.

Ferne Animal Sanctuary has been saving the lives of unwanted and abandoned animals for over 70 years and strives to provide care and refuge for unwanted domestic and farm animals. The sanctuary rehomes dogs and cats within a 30 mile radius, though some other animals remain at the sanctuary for the rest of their lives. Ferne relies entirely on donations and legacies to continue its work.

Estadia's managing director Richard Palmer saidL "We are delighted to be involved with this high profile, local charity. All the team at Estadia are passionate about the protection of domestic animals and as such, we look forward to actively supporting them throughout the coming year".

Jenny Wheadon, director of Ferne Animal Sanctuary, added: "Everyone here is very excited and extremely grateful that Estadia have chosen Ferne Animal Sanctuary as their charity of the year. Now, more than ever, we recognise the value that corporate support can bring, both as a means to raise awareness of our 'New Digs for Dogs' £1million project for 2014/15 and to bring in much needed funds."

Estadia will be highlighting the work of Ferne Animal Sanctuary during various future events and the team will even be taking part in some volunteering work at the sanctuary very soon.

Barn dancing spectacular at Chardstock hall

ORGANISERS of the annual Chardstock Street Fayre, near Chard, will be presenting The Barnstormers for an evening of dancing at Chardstock Community Hall on Friday, September 26th.

This barn dancing spectacular for all the family will run from 7.30pm til late. A ploughman's supper will be included in the price of admission but participants are invited to bring their own alcoholic beverages if desired, while soft drinks will be available for purchase in the hall.

Ticket prices are £8 for adults, £5 for under 16s and £20 for families of two adults and two under 16s, available from Chardstock Stores and Post Office from August 26th onwards. Proceeds will be donated to local, national and international charities.

For further details email Graham Vyse on gvyse@btinternet.com

Forde Abbey Fair raises £24,000

■ CANINE CAPERS: The dog agility show with the National Animal Welfare Trust West Henley Centre

■ IN FLIGHT: Flaconry displays with Michael Davie impressed the crowds

■ NICE WHEELS: More than 150 classic cars were on display including some particularly unusual models

■ FAMILY FAVOURITE: Children enjoyed watching the Punch and Judy shows

FORDE Abbey near Chard welcomed an estimated 4,500 visitors for its annual summer fair on Thursday, July 31st.

Held in the Abbey's extensive gardens, the fair offered a fun assortment of attractions with something for everyone, including ferret racing, a juggler, dog scurries, Punch and Judy, dog agility, a children's fun fair, a parade of beagles, falconry, fly fishing, a wandering magician and over 150 classic cars and engines, as well as a shopping village of 60 stalls, a hog roast, cake stalls and a farmers' market.

Refreshments were served in Forde Abbey's mediaeval vaulted Undercroft tearoom and in the magnificent Great Hall.

As well as the fair, visitors could explore the 30 acres of award-winning gardens, including England's tallest powered fountain, and the house itself – a 900-year-old former Cistercian monastery, now a friendly family home open to the public.

Money raised from the fair will be divided equally between RABI (The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) and Marie Curie Cancer Care in Somerset and Dorset. Although the final amount has yet to be counted, organisers are hoping to have raised about £24,000, a significant increase on last year.

Photos by JAMES ROUTLEY

Abbey looking forward to autumn

FORDE Abbey neat Chard is already looking ahea to autumn when its extensive grounds come alive with stunning leaf colours.

To capture the scene at its best, the Abbey is encouraging visitors to its gardens surrounding the former Cistercian Monastery during its Autumn Colour Week, running from Saturday, October 25th to Sunday, November 2nd.

Many of the trees in the arboretum were especially selected for their autumn brilliance and include Turkish hazel (corylus coluna), malus hupehensis (crab apple), birch trees and a glorious array of acers. There are some rarities to look out for as well, including halesia tetraptera (Carolina silverbell) and pyrus theifera.

Former owner Geoffrey Roper originally planted many of the choice trees in the early twentieth century and now his granddaughter Alice Kennard, the fifth generation of the family to live at the grounds, runs the house and gardens and has continued to add her own touches to the gardens, which include a new winter garden adjacent to the arboretum.

She said: "Autumn is a really special time in the gardens, the leaf colour on many of the trees is outstanding boosted by our slightly acidic soil which seems to accentuate the colour. There are still plenty of flowering perennials and annuals in the borders too and the dahlias last until the first frosts."

Duirng the week, children can enjoy the leaf rubbing pack available in the shop, an engaging way to encourage them on the walk around the grounds. Dogs also welcome on leads.

The Autumn Colour Week will also give visitors the chance to catch the start of the special Christmas shopping deal at Forde Abbey, which offers free admission to the gardens every Thursday to Sunday from Saturday, November 1st to November 30th for Christmas shopping.

New buggy walks promote healthy lifestyle

FOLLOWING a free training event organised by South Somerset District Council, three new health walks have recently been set up in Chard, Langport and Yeovil.

The fully subscribed Health Walk leader training day was held on June 24th and volunteers received information on everything they needed to know to lead a walk, including details on risk assessments, route planning, first aid and the benefits of exercise.

Health Walks are increasingly popular in South Somerset with the Walking for Health, Health Walks scheme going from strength to strength in recent years. The scheme, which is run by the district council, now offers over 15 regular walking opportunities in the district and has over 50 active volunteers.

As a result of the training a new buggy walk has started in Chard. Buggy walks aim to offer mums and children a free and easy way to meet and socialise with others whilst being active in the outdoors, wit children either pushed in a buggy or walking with their parents.

The walks take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting at 10am at Chard Reservoir.

Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for leisure and culture at South Somerset District Council, said: "Health Walks in South Somerset form part of a national programme that focuses on creating more opportunities for people to exercise in their local community, reducing the need to travel and providing low cost activity. As you can see from the outcome of this training, this course is already benefitting many people in the district.

"Our walks in South Somerset are sustainable and enable people to explore their local countryside whilst becoming more active and sociable in a safe environment."

To find out more about health walks in South Somerset visit www.southsomerset.gov.uk/healthwalks or to find out about the next Health Walk Leader training course contact Charlie Coward on 01935 462347.

■ WARTIME ENTERTAINMENT: CUDOS members perform songs from 'Oh, What a Lovely War' at the vintage and antique fair

WWI centenary marked at antique fair

A FIRST World War-theme vintage and antiques fair was held in at the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne, organised by the Crewkerne Area Business Chamber (CABC) to commemorate the centenary of the start of the conflict.

The event included a range of items for sale, from vintage clothing, jewellery and bags, to rare military items from both world wars.

Traders and visitors were also treated to a performance of wartime songs from "Oh, What a Lovely War" by CUDOS, the local amateur dramatic society, which was appreciated by all present.

CABC secretary Glynnis Senior said: "Donations on the day are being divided between The Royal British Legion and Help For Heroes.

"The fair and performance were part of a weekend of commemorations of the start of WWI, which included Wartime Afternoon Teas by Harts Country Kitchen & Antique Centre in Church Street, where wartime dress and nurses' Red Cross uniforms were the order of the day as 1914 recipes were provided on vintage cake stands.

"Services held in the town, organised by the town council and at St Bartholomew's Norman Church, brought the commemorations to a close on August 4th, and the traders have brought the town's spirit alive with a window dressing competition with a WWI theme."

■ MAYOR Councillor Robin Pailthorpe joined the Friends of Crewkerne Library for a coffee morning and 'Rhyme Time' session run by library assistant Kay Voizey. The event was also the launch of the library's annual Summer Reading Challenge, which this year is called 'The Mythical Maze'. There was also a cake and toy sale run by the Friends and face painiting and a treasure hunt. Librarian Jackie Parsons said it was a great success and the library's busiest Saturday of the year so far.

Crewkerne events commemorate First World War

A NUMBER of commemoration events marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War were held in Crewkerne over Sunday and Monday.

Events started with a service of commemoration at St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday, followed the next day by a service of re-dedication for the war memorial in Severalls Park Avenue, where residents were also able top enjoy the recently re-landscaped memorial gardens.

A service of dedication and unveiling of a new war memorial plaque was also held on Monday at Falkland Square, followed by the unveiling of an oil canvas painting with a WWI theme, commissioned by local artist Alan Barrett.

The painting is a depiction of the aftermath of the Battle of Loos and was the top prize in a raffle organised by the Royal British Legion Crewkerne branch. It was officially handed over to the Legion at the George Reynolds Centre, after members approached Alan to paint it at a recent fete.

It took the artist three months to complete and the money raised from the raffle will go towards the ongoing War Memorial Fund.

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Mother overcomes tragedy to run successful crafts business

A SHEPTON Beachamp mother of three, who overcame family tragedy to run a successful business promoting local crafts, is to open a new shop in Crewkerne.

Sam Cornelius-Light, who has a son with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - a severe, terminal muscle wasting condition - is due to open her shop Bluebird and Buttercup on September 6th with a charity family fun day.

Sam's new shop will feature her trademark, bespoke, unusual but affordable items sourced from small craftspeople and designers around Somerset. These include Painting Pretty, which upcycles furniture into beautiful, one-off items, and Melting Pot Glassware, which makes items featuring local landmarks.

Sam said: "Along with general gifts and children's clothes, I showcase local artists, designers and crafters who were just starting out on their artistic paths or had no way of showing their works. It amazes how many clever people there are out there making some lovely things."

Bluebird and Buttercup was established in 2012 when her son, also called Sam, was 12, and the mother had been through many years struggling with his condition as well as the loss of another baby and the premature births of her other two children.

She said: "Having been told that Sam would be permanently in a wheelchair from the age of about nine or 10, he defied all the professionals and, to this day, aged 15, although the prognosis is still the same, he continues to walk just a little in between using his powered wheelchair."

She is now involved in fundraising for Action Duchenne and the shop opening and fun day on September 6th will be raising funds for the charity.

Last year, Sam's current premises in Hambridge was badly hit by the floods in the Levels and she decided it was time to move to a bigger premises.

She continued: "I took a deep breath and a leap of faith and by relocating to Crewkerne, where I hope to bring a taste of locally designed and handmade gifts that are affordable and damn right gorgeous! Let the next challenge begin!"

Crewkerne gardens to open for church

CREWKERNE has a variety of attractive gardens which are not on public view, and an opportunity to see some of them is coming up on the afternoon of Monday, August 25th between 2pm and 5pm.

A dozen varied and interesting gardens will be open, all within easy walking distance of the town centre.

A list and route plan will be available at a charge of £5 per person at the town hall steps from 1.40pm on the day, or from the town hall during the previous week.

Cream tea and cake will be served at a modest charge at Candle Cottage, East Street, and proceeds will be donated to the Friends of Crewkerne Parish Church.

Vintage cream tea raises £318

MISTERTON resident Jan McNeill held a vintage-theme strawberry tea in her garden on Saturday, August 2nd in aid of Breast Cancer Care. The event was well-supported by Jan's friends and a total of £318 through ca cake stall, raffle, tombola and quiz.

Pre-school marks 50th anniversary

CREWKERNE Methodist Church Pre-School, now known as Busy Bees, recently marked its 50th anniversary with a special party.

An appeal went out to previuous generations who attended the pre-school and more than 100 people attended.

On the Friday before the party, the pre-school was visited by local MP David Laws, as he was unable to attend on the day of the celebration and wished to congratulate the team on their many years of service to the community in person.

Pictured with Mr Laws are previous supervisor Wendy Elliot, current supervisor Janice Welch, first ever supervisor Mary Stoodley, first pupil Linda and Jane Sperring, the minister of the church.

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Students become sports leaders

■ PICTURED above are Year 4 pupils at Greenfylde School in Ilminster who ended the summer term by succeeding in gaining their Level One Sports Leadership awards. This is the first time a leadership scheme has been introduced at the school and proved to be a major success with the pupils. The programme includes communication between the Year 4 students and younger pupils, safety aspects, responsibility, co-operation, enjoyment and organisation of equipment and students. The young leaders organised multi-skills festivals for Key Stage 1 students and completed the term by assisting at the Sunny Ile Pre-School sports afternoon. Particularly important in the scheme is the opportunity the activity provides to increase the self esteem for individuals as they gain in confidence throughout the programme of work.

Online workshop for businesses

AS part of Somerset County Council's Connecting Devon and Somerset programme, and in conjunction with Ilminster Chamber of Commerce, county councillor Linda Vijeh has arranged for "Get up to Speed" to deliver a workshop for local businesses in Ilminster.

She said: "Locally, particularly in the outlying communities, there has been some frustration in relation to the speed, or lack of it, with which Superfast Broadband has been delivered, but we are getting there.

"Now that there will be this opportunity for businesses to up their technological game, workshops such as this will, I am sure, help everyone to make full use of it."

The practical workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 10th at the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster from 7.30pm to 9pm and will include advice on how to make different social media channels work for your business and simple and effective ways to use them

For more information, visit www.get-up-to-speed.co.uk or email info@get-up-to-speed.co.uk

Cyclists raise £1,000 for hospice

CYCLICTS David Mussell, of Seavington, and Martin Hudson, of Chard, made a trip to Children's Hospice South West's Charlton Farm branch to present a cheque for £1,000.

The pair raised the funds by taking part in the iconic Devon Coast to Coast cycle from Ilfracombe to Plymouth in May.

The weather for the ride, which started at Ilfracombe harbour and took the cyclists to one of the hospices along the route, was sunny and dry but with a gale force westerly wind. The riders made good progress out of town, climbing up the long hill to Mullacott Cross and then on towards Braunton and Barnstaple. The gale force wind made for hard cycling over the Taw Bridge and then towards Fremington, with both cyclists having to battle their way along the cycle track.

A warm welcome was given to the riders and support team when they reached the Little Bridge House hospice at Fremington. The staff kindly provided refreshments and thanked them for their support and wished them a safe onwards journey.

Both David and Martin were amazed at the stunning scenery during their ride which took them from seascape and estuary to river, to the woodland and moorland of Devon. Their route was a mixture of main and minor roads and the N27 cycle route.

The support team of Marilyn and Caroline gave the cyclists much-needed food and drink and encouragement at pre-arranged stops at Hatherleigh, Okehampton, Tavistock and Yelverton. Martin and David were very grateful to have such a good team to support them.

By the time the finish at Admirals Hard in Plymouth was reached, both riders have covered 93 miles, the high wind and some hilly terrain having made for some testing cycling. The finish was celebrated with a bottle of Martin's 60th birthday champagne shared by all the team.

Kylie Gallagher of Children's Hopsice South West was delighted to receive the funds and congratulated the cyclists and their support team for their excellent work

David, Martin, Caroline and Marilyn are very grateful to all the sponsors for their support and generosity and were delighted to have raised £1,000 for the children's hospice. Martin has already got plans underway for the next event in 2015 - a 24-hour cycling marathon.

■ ON YER BIKE! Cyclists David Mussell and Martin Hudson with their £1,000 cheque for Children's Hospice South West

Council funding gets children in the garden

HEADTEACHER of Swanmead School in Ilminster, Mark Walker, has reported that the £1,000 Health & Wellbeing money donated by county councillor Linda Vijeh last year was put to good use.

Thanks to the funding, the school's greenhouse is now up and running, the allotment has been dug, and groups of eight children per week on a rotating basis use the new resources. The first crop has grown and the students are now ready to start selling their produce.

Councillor Vijeh said: "I am delighted to see the results of the £1,000 donated to Swanmead School. It just goes to show that providing a little bit of support can reap great rewards. I am looking forward to exploring ways in which the £5,000 I have allocated to me this year can be spent to benefit the local community."

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Is it still worth putting Solar PV on your roof now the payments have been reduced?

By Patrick Criddle

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Making safety part of the fun

How the RNLI are using activities and games to help families stay safer on the beach.

THIS summer, two thirds of us will head to UK beaches for sun, sandcastles and a splash in the brisk, British waters. But the sea can be unpredictable. Something young people especially need be aware of. In fact, RNLI Lifeguards helped over 9,500 children on and around UK beaches last year.

> *"Nearly a third of all people rescued from UK beaches last year were children under 12 years old."*

The RNLI is known for its volunteer lifeboat service, but the charity's lifeguard service is just as vital and provides safety to over 200 of the UK's busiest beaches. The lifeguard's duties include performing safety patrols, managing warning flags and rescuing people in trouble. It's a demanding job, requiring specialist training and tough fitness tests. Charitable donations from the public really make a difference to the service they provide.

Getting children beach smart in a fun way

While beach safety is a serious issue, RNLI lifeguards believe learning about it can be fun. This is particularly important for children, who respond to serious messages when delivered through games and activities. This year, the RNLI are helping children get beach smart, with free activity packs, including an identity snapband and waterproof pen (see the page opposite for details on how to get yours).

While children will love the snapband's bright colour and cartoon puffin motif, parents can use the indelible pen to write their name and mobile number on the inside, for peace of mind on crowded beaches. It's an approach they're committed to, through programmes like Swim Safe – a course run in partnership with the Amateur Swimming Association (England's national governing body for swimming) to help 7-14 year-olds become safe in and around open water.

Meet your local RNLI lifeguards

On many beaches throughout the summer, RNLI lifeguards run sandcastle competitions. These give children a chance to meet the lifeguards on patrol and get safety tips, while showing off their creative efforts.

It looks like it's going to be a fun summer. And thanks to the RNLI and its lifeguards, it's even easier to have a safe one.

To get your Beach Smart activity pack, text 'SMART' to 82727 or visit beachsmart.org/press

"It was a close call."

RNLI lifeguard Karen was on a routine patrol when she noticed something odd: a boy paddling on a sandbar, beyond the safety flag. Suddenly, he wasn't there. Immediately, she leapt into the water with her rescue tube, swimming around 30m to where the boy had disappeared. Diving down, she managed to reach the already-submerged youngster and pull him to safety. "It was a close call," she said later. "The boy wasn't aware of the strong currents, and couldn't swim."

Find out more about the RNLI Lifeguards at **RNLI.org/aboutus/lifeguardsandbeaches**

The 15th Annual Wings & Wheels just weeks away!

THE fifteenth annual staging of the successful and popular event is now just a few weeks away. It is hard to believe that it came about simply because a May morning in 2000 was foggy. The then newly established team of Vintage Flying were about to present their first "Great Vintage Flying Weekend" at Thruxton Airfield. With around 600 aircraft requesting passes and a beautiful blue sky and bright sunshine, things were looking good. But not for long ..... by 10am not one single aircraft but lots and lots of despairing phone calls. Thruxton was the only place to see the sun, the rest of Southern UK was completely fogged-in!

Things did of course brighten up eventually but a large number of pilots missed their slots and couldn't come. Frustrated pilots being what they are, were quick to suggest that the team staged another fly-in later in the year. After some hurried consultations an approach was made to Henstridge Airfield, (formerly RNAS HMS Dipper) and thanks to a positive response from manger, Joe Williams, the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday saw the first "Late Summer Fly-In".

This time the weather was much better and the day was such a success that, even before the last aircraft had departed, the decision was made to make it an annual event. Before long it had attracted the attention of the classic and vintage car owners, as well as the pilot community, and was officially renamed as "Wings & Wheels". Not the most original title but with around a hundred aeroplanes and a hundred vehicles what else could one call it?

The original volunteer team of "Vintage Flying" remained together for well over a decade. They developed The Great Vintage Flying Weekend into a three day spectacular and the largest show of its kind in Europe. In addition to that and Henstridge they staged two full air shows in Scotland and Devon, took selected groups of Aircraft to Cherbourg and to stately homes in the UK, and supported all three services with scores of pilots visiting the Royal Navy Air Day at Yeovilton, RAF Families Day at Lyneham and Benson and helped the Army Air Corps stage the commemorative events at Middle Wallop.

This year's "Wings & Wheels" will see again many of the original team in action along side the regular staff at Henstridge. Over the years they reckon to have instigated around 25,000 aircraft movements with an excellent safety record. It's a great record and they are delighted to support the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, which is also based at Henstridge.

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What about the wheels?

For the first couple of years the event was simply the "Late Summer Vintage and Classic Fly In". However the word soon got around among the vintage and classic car fraternity that it was something worth seeing, and a drive through the amazing Dorset and Somerset countryside, was worth doing. So the numbers of interesting vehicles began to grow.

Cars were joined by gleaming motorcycles and not so gleaming Jeeps and the occasional GMC "Deuce and a half". It wasn't long before these visitors occupied most of the grass area next to the club house and the words "Classic Cars" appeared on our posters. In the end we bowed to the inevitable and officially renamed the show as "Wings and Wheels"..... not a very original title perhaps, but it was hard to find a shorter way of saying it!

The show now features a regular gathering of around a hundred or so "Wheels" exhibitors. Together they represent a great cross section of our automotive history. Just as in the air park, the organisers follow the simple rule that "next in is next in line!". So on one side of the fence is a 1930s Tiger Moth parked next to a more modern Cessna, and on the other side of the fence an elderly Morris Minor is flanked by the Dorset Car Club and a Modern Jaguar.

A select few trade stands surround the car display area, offering a wide variety of gifts and historical memorabilia.

It is this informality that is part of the charm of Wings and Wheels at Henstridge for exhibitors and visitors alike. It's like a garden party, perhaps you would like to bring along your picnic?

"Officialdom" except for essential Health and Safety and Risk Avoidance, is most definitely left at the gates.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

THE "Vintage Flying Team" have long enjoyed good relations with the RAF Events Team, formerly the Participation Committee, and the staff at BBMF Conningsby. Despite the ever increasing demand for RAF assets at a time when their actual number of display aircraft has dwindled to barely a handful – they still manage to squeeze Henstridge into their schedule.

Over the years they have had fly-past salutes from the fighters both individually and together, The Dakota, the Lancaster and of course that most popular sight of all, when the "Lanc" is accompanied by the Spitfire and Hurricane. This years event will be a once in a life time spectacle as the famous trio will be joined by the only other airworthy Lancaster in the world, C-GVRA from Canada.

VERA as she is known is operated by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and will spend most of August and September flying with the BBMF. Her presence will be in a living commemoration to the thousands of Commonwealth Aircrew who flew with Bomber Command in the Second World War.

Visitors to Wings and Wheels can expect to see and hear this unique "Ten Merlin Flight" in a way not possible at the usual airshows. Wings and Wheels has no full flying display and is therefore exempt from the usual stringent civil and military safety rules and guidelines. The organisers are naturally somewhat reticent about what one might expect. They simply state that it is advisable to look up as well as out!

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Close up Viewing

WHEN the Vintage Flying Team took over GVFWE (Great Vintage Flying Weekend) they already had considerable experience of the necessary safety rules and regulations involved with air shows. It came as a bit of a shock to the team to find that there was nothing similar regarding "Fly-Ins" no matter how large or small.

It seems that everyone, pilots and public alike, simply looked out for themselves.

Undeterred the team set down and produced their own documentation, from simple A4 guideline for stewards up to full Aerodrome and Crowd side Manuals, Risk Assessments and Emergency Operations Orders. All of which were duly approved by the CAA, local emergency services and local authorities.

None the less, it can all be summed up in the simple phrase, "People and Propellers don't mix".

Wings and Wheels at Henstridge follows exactly the same guidelines, but with much less paperwork. Visiting public on crowd side are fenced off from the arriving, taxiing and departing aircraft, which operate on Airside or Live Side. However the views are as good as they can be while all the airside activity is going on.

The unique attraction comes at lunchtime, when the barriers are quickly re-aligned by the team, and the public are encouraged to walk among the assembled aeroplanes. Many of the pilots stay with their aircraft and are happy to chat with dedicated enthusiasts or with Mums and Dads and kids.

On more than one occasion some lucky youngster has been helped into the cockpit of a fragile biplane "Even older than Granddad!"

There are few rules, except no smoking, no litter and no touching, take only memories and photographs and leave only foot prints.

Clear announcements and gentle shepherding by the stewards ensures that everyone returns safely back to crowd side before the props start turning for the flights home.

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To be among our lucky winners your entry must be the first correct entry drawn on our closing date of Friday, 15th August 2014.

Just answer the simple questions and return to our offices: c/o Rob Coombe, Wings & Wheels competion, View From Newspapers, Unit 3 St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3DB before the closing date of Friday, 15th August 2014. *Winners will be picked at random, editors decision is final.*

Q1. In what year did the Tiger Moth first fly?

Q2. What was the ships name of Henstridge in its Naval role?

Q3. What special aircraft is due to appear with the BBMF?

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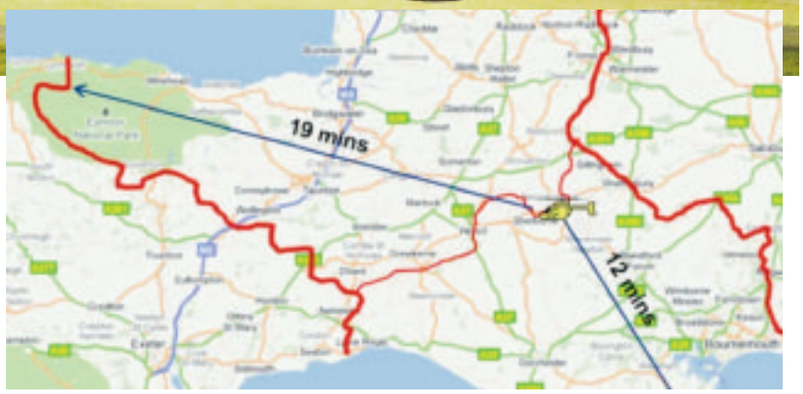
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance rely on fundraising and donations to keep flying. It is with thanks to the people who support the Charity that they can continue to provide such an important service. Please come and enjoy the Wings and Wheels event at their airbase at Henstridge Airfield.



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CHARD TOWN Football Club

Denning Sports Field, Zembard Lane, Chard, TA20 1JL

First Team: Toolstation Western League Division One

Reserves: Devon & Exeter Premier Division

Under 18s: Somerset Floodlit League

CHARD Town F.C. was formed in 1920 and originally played at Bonfire Close. On this ground they built a wooden stand and a few years later when they moved to their present ground at Zembard Lane, they took the stand with them.

The ground is well known for its slope from end to end of some 12ft. which was even greater in the early years but a concerted effort saw earth transported from top to bottom, the evidence can be seen at the bottom end behind the goalposts where the adjoining cricket field slopes away.

Also within the complex is the Tennis & Cricket Clubs and the entire area is known as Dening Sports Field. The whole area has been used for sport since the mid 1800's and is owned by the successors of Bass Brewery. A long lease has recently been granted which will give the Club the opportunity to move forward.

The current changing rooms were built in 1974, at which point the old grandstand was demolished. The present capacity of the ground is some 1000 with seating for 50 and hardstandings on three sides.

Chard Town are known as the 'Robins'with all red as the main strip.

Competition wise, Chard Town had a brief spell in the Somerset Senior League before joining the local Perry Street League where they played until 1949. From there they rejoined the Somerset Senior League and won the championship at the first attempt in 1949/50. They went on to win the title a further four times in 1953/54, 1959/60, 1967/68, and 1969/70 while also gaining success in the Somerset Senior Cup, which they won in 1952/53 and 1966/67. The Somerset Senior League Cup was won in 1962, 1972 & 1976 when they were elected to join the Western League. After playing for seven years in Division One of the Western League they gained promotion to the Premier Division as runners-up in season 1983/84. They spent three seasons in the higher flight before being relegated in 1987, when they immediately gained promotion again the following year. Further success came in the 1988/89 season when they were winners of the South West Counties Cup.

They played at Premier Division level in what was then known as the Great Mills Western League until being relegated in 1993. In 1995/96 they regained Premier Division status by finishing runners-up to Bridgwater Town, losing out on the title on goal difference. Chard Town were relegated at the end of the 1997/98 season to Division One of the Western League by the narrow margin of one point, where they continued to play until gaining promotion to the Premier Division of the Toolstation Western League in the 2005/2006 season. After coming second from bottom in the 2008/2009 season relegation followed to Division One from 2009/2010.

Chard Town Reserves play in the Devon & Exeter League, Premier Division. The Under 18's will this season play in the Premier Division of the Somerset Floodlight Youth League after gaining promotion by winning the South Division at the end of the 2013/2014 season.

Facility wise, new improved floodlights and new dugouts were installed in 2012.

CHARD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2013/14 | Back row L to R: Darren Hutchings, Leigh Bailey, James Boyland, James Underwood, Mark Scott. Middle row L to R: Taoufik BenSalem, Oscar Lata, Jamie Barfoot, Mike McCormack, Jason Hutchings, George Chlopecki, Richie Hebditch, Andy Martin. Front row L to R: Robin Durie (Main club sponsors), Roy Lock (President, Jason Behan (Assistant Manager), Nick Flory (Manager), Adam Fricker (Assistant Manager), Willie Ehitelaw (Chairman), Matt Fricker (Main Sponsors), Gary Trump (Physio)

Chard Town Fixtures Season 2014-15

August				
9	Aug	A	v	Devizes Town
16	Aug	H	v	Oldland Abbotonians
20	Aug	A	v	Ashton & Backwell Utd
23	Aug	A	v	Almondsbury UWE
27	Aug	H	v	Cribbs
30	Aug	A	v	Roman Glass St George
September				
3	Sept	H	v	Welton Rovers
6	Sept	H	v	Wellington
9	Sept	A	v	Barnstaple Town
13	Sept	H	v	Calne Town
16	Sept	A	v	Westbury Utd
20	Sept	A	v	Chippenham Park
27	Sept	H	v	Warminster Town
October				
1	Oct	H	v	Wells City (Somerset Prem Cup R1)
4	Oct			TBA
11	Oct	A	v	Hengrove Ath
18	Oct	A	v	Radstock Town
22	Oct	A	v	Calne Town (Prelim Les Phillips)
25	Oct	H	v	Cheddar Home
November				
1	Nov	A	v	Keynsham Town
5	Nov	H	v	Barnstaple Town
8	Nov	H	v	Wells City
15	Nov			TBA (1st Round Les Philips)
18	Nov	A	v	Welton Rovers
22	Nov	H	v	Ashton & Backwell Utd
29	Nov	A	v	Wellington
December				
6	Dec	H	v	Radstock Town
13	Dec	A	v	Cribbs
20	Dec	H	v	Almondsbury UWE
26	Dec	A	v	Wincanton Town
January				
3	Jan	H	v	Portishead Town
10	Jan	A	v	Cheddar
17	Jan	H	v	Corsham Town
24	Jan	A	v	Calne Town
31	Jan	H	v	Chippenham Park
February				
7	Feb	A	v	Corsham Town
14	Feb	H	v	Roman Glass St George
21	Feb	A	v	Wells City
28	Feb	H	v	Hengrove Ath
March				
7	Mar	A	v	Warminster Town
14	Mar	H	v	Keynsham Town
21	Mar	H	v	Devizes Town
28	Mar	A	v	Oldland Abbotonians
April				
3	April	H	v	Wincanton Town
6	April	A	v	Portishead Town
11	April	H	v	Westbury Utd
18	April	Left clear for possible rearrangements		
25	April	Left clear for possible rearrangements		

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Presentation time for scouts

SIMON BENDING, manager at Waitrose, shaking hands with Caroline Tilbury, 1st Hinton St George Beaver Scouts Leader, inside a new shelter bought with money donated by the supermarket. Waitrose customers chose the scout group in its monthly 'Community Matters' vote. The shelter will be used for activity days by the youngsters.

JOSHUA HAYNE receiving his Scouts Gold Award from leader Garry Osborne. The award is the highest honour that scouts can gain. Josh received the award for his "outstanding service" during his time as a scout.

OUTGOING Akela Cath Fone receives a bunch of flowers from Stephen Duck, the new Akela. Cath is moving on to become a District Leader in the newly arranged Somerset County organisation.

SCOUT Leader Garry Osborne presents Will Darlington with the Scouts Gold Award, the highest award a scout can gain.

Village fete hailed as 'spectacular' success

THE village fete held in Hinton St George last month was the first for a number of years, but organisers say the event was spectacularly successful.

The fete was held along West Street, in the school field, in two private gardens and the church, bringing every element of the village together.

Every one of the 20 village groups took part by manning a stall to raise funds for their own projects. A particular success was the Hinton History Exhibition , a collection of historical facts, photographs, interviews and memoirs from villagers, as well as a timeline spanning a staggering 1,967 years.

There were plenty of activities for children, with face painting, the Punch and Judy Shows and free balloon models made by Crewkerne's town crier. However, the highlight for many youngsters was watching their teddies zip-wiring from the top of the tower of St George's Church.

Around 120 individuals entered the village show in 22 categories. Children's categories included Lego models, prints produced from fruit and vegetables and an A4 poster for the 2015 Hinton St George Village Fete.

For the adults there was The Great Hinton Bake Off, floral exhibits and a craft section.

Alongside the village groups' stalls were 12 stalls run by individuals who had bought in a range of goods including home-made children's clothing, plants, fashion accessories and children's pocket-money toys.

The Phoenix Brass Band entertained crowds with a rendition of memorable and well-known pieces of music, perfect for a sunny afternoon.

Nathan Wilkinson, who helped organise the fete, said: "It was seeing everyone together, a mix of all generations, enjoying themselves in the sun that made the fete so enjoyable."

Cider-loving guitar players wanted

ORGANISERS of the South Somerset Cider Sampling are appealing for guitar players to take part in a world record attempt to honour West Country music legend Adge Cutler, who died 40 years ago.

The event will take place on Friday, September 12th, in Hinton St George.

Organiser Matthew Bryant said: "We are hoping we can find at least 40 guitar players to play Adge Cutler's anthem 'Drink up thy zider'.

"You don't have to be a musical star to take part – all standards are welcome and we will be providing words and chords, as well as a free ticket for every guitar player."

JEAN TOUSSAINT BRINGS SAX SOUNDS TO THE ARTS CENTRE

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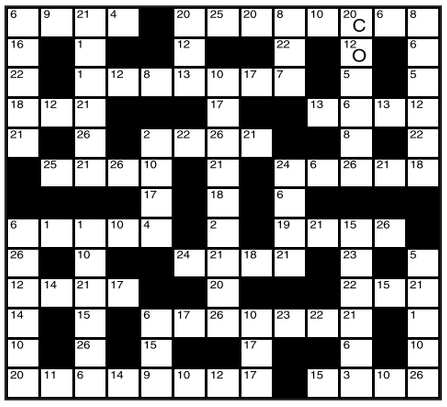
Brain Gym

No.285

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 N	2 G	3 X	4 M	5 L	6 R	7 O	8 S	9 T	10 F	11 P	12 W	13 I
14 Q	15 E	16 V	17 J	18 A	19 K	20 Y	21 U	22 B	23 H	24 D	25 Z	26 C

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

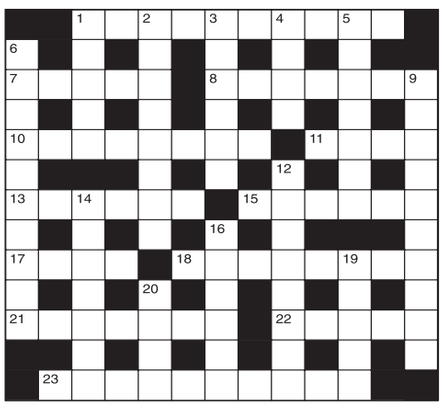
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Allowed the minutes to pass without taking any action (6,4)
7. This will turn a strip of wood to the East (5)
8. Real mix-up before Edward said what happened (7)
10. Going on foot or by car past the street (8)
11. It's nearly a swindle for one who's married in Germany (4)
13. Able to move to Alabama port (6)
15. Slave girl returning to Virginia (6)
17. A complete revolution will produce an emotional shock (4)
18. Meet a hundred on the promenade (8)
21. Getting news of the trial (7)
22. "Tempest" character changing to one in "Lear" adaptation (5)
23. Pledges oneself to carry out a grave act? (10)

Down

1 & 20Dn. It was reed tangled at the river's brink (5-4)
2. Tidy sale arranged in a controlled way (8)
3. Headless fish taking the wrong course (6)
4. In fact, a lengthy account (4)
5. USA term comes to fruition in a different way (7)
6. Finish the game - an evenly contested affair (5,5)
9. Not the conversation of the single-minded? (6,4)
12. Only partially support a member of the football team (4-4)
14. One coming to terms, strikes before this! (7)
16. Tried to find a particular variety, one hears (6)
19. Doesn't include part of the kingdom, it seems (5)
20. See 1 Down



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Help (10)
7. Taut (5)
8. Red wine (7)
10. Recounted (8)
11. Row (4)
13. Really (6)
15. Restraint (6)
17. Every (4)
18. Equatorial (8)
21. Sturdiness (7)
22. Intone (5)
23. Unnecessarily (10)

Down

1. Drilling tool (5)
2. Placed (8)
3. Confidential (6)
4. Parched (4)
5. Terse (7)
6. Parsimony (10)
9. Wavering (10)
12. Patronage (8)
14. Assert (7)
16. Decorated (6)
19. Mad (5)
20. Species (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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9	6	2	8	1	7	3	4	5
7	4	5	2	9	3	6	8	1
4	5	8	7	3	1	9	2	6
1	3	6	5	2	9	8	7	4
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Capital; 7 Gains; 9 Let; 10 Meandered; 12 Jumble-sales; 15 Dumb blondes; 17 Bell-tents; 19 Arm; 21 Clown; 22 Compose. Down: 1 Cameo; 2 Tip; 3 Jade; 4 Pace-maker; 5 Angered; 8 Intern; 11 Furbelows; 13 Bullet; 14 Cure-all; 16 Crash; 18 Toot; 20 Spa. QUICK - Across: 6 Barrier; 7 Annoy; 9 Try; 10 Interests; 12 Reparations; 15 Short-handed; 17 Community; 19 Way; 21 Agent; 22 Passive. Down: 1 Parry; 2 Dry; 3 Keen; 4 Undesired; 5 Content; 8 Retain; 11 Detriment; 13 At hand; 14 Through; 16 Waive; 18 Tray; 20 Ask.

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JAZZ MAN JEAN TOUSSAINT BRINGS SAX SOUNDS TO THE ARTS CENTRE

THE world-class saxophonist Jean Toussaint comes to Ilminster Arts Centre next Friday, August 22nd. The US jazz giant played throughout the 1980s with the world-renowned Jazz Messengers, led by the great Art Blakey - one of the best known modern jazz groups there has ever been. Supported by The Craig Milverton Trio, this will be an evening of absolutely top class hard bop jazz which no self-respecting fan could possibly bear to miss!

Since saxophonist Jean Toussaint left Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, he hasn't looked back. Nor has he spent a career trying to repeat the past. The experiences gained in that world-class hothouse have enabled him to push forward and embrace challenging and often high profile musical collaborations in many different jazz styles. Today he works out of London as a band leader/composer, and educator.

Born in the Caribbean, Toussaint studied at Berklee with peers Branford Marsalis, Greg Osby, Jeff 'Tain' Watts and others. He joined Blakey in 1982 and toured and recorded with him for four years with fellow band members Lonnie Plaxico, Terence Blanchard, Mulgrew Miller and Donald Harrison. Based in New York with the Messengers, Toussaint regularly led the jam sessions at the famous Blue Note club.

Initially invited to teach at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Toussaint came to London in 1987 and still uses the city as his base. Collaborations with musicians based in the UK have included Bheki Mseleku, Julian Joseph, Jason Rebello, Cleveland Watkiss, Steve Williamson, Orphy Robinson and others. Toussaint is also invited to join tours with US musicians visiting Europe.

Jean Toussaint and the Craig Milverton Trio perform at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House next Friday, August 22nd from 8pm. Tickets are £15, and a pre-show supper is available for £11 at 7pm but must be pre-booked.

Jean Toussaint

Demon Barbers' Maverick Musical Mash-Up

FOLK-HIP HOPPERS PLAY THE MARINE THEATRE FOR LYME FOLK WEEKEND

LYME Folk Weekend promises a full-on finale at the end of the month with a maverick musical mash up from riotous folk troubadours, Demon Barbers XL, who'll bring their unique folk-hip hop extravaganza to Lyme Regis for the first time. Their no-holds-barred performance will combine traditional folk music and dance with body popping, break dancing and acrobatics.

As one of the best live acts on the folk circuit they'll present their award-winning road show with characteristic northern chutzpah marrying the traditions of fiddle and accordion with electric bass guitar, drums and synthesizer.

Such is their reputation as live performers, the BBC tipped them as one of the must-see acts at this year's Glastonbury Festival, where they rocked open-mouthed crowds with their musical gymnastics. Frontman Damien Barber admits "on stage there's a lot going on and audiences are never quite sure what to expect. We started out as a five-piece band, plus Morris, clog and sword dancers, but we've now added hip-hop dancers and a scratch DJ to the mix".

Julie Sheppard, the festival's publicist said "The best way to describe Demon Barbers? Morris dancing meets MC Hammer? They've taken the best traditions of English folk music and dance but given it a hip hop twist. It shouldn't really work, but it really does. It's fast, furious and fun".

She continued: "If I was to recommend one show to catch over the entire weekend, then it would be this one. Whether you're 8 or 80, it will raise your eyebrows and it might even blow your mind. It'll be a spectacular finale to this year's folk festival".

Demon Barbers XL play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, August 31st at 5pm. Tickets £15 (standing), £19 (seated). 16 and under £10/£14. Tickets from www.lymefolk.com or 01297 442138 (Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis).

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ST MARGARET'S specialist furniture shops are proving such a success with the public that a further addition to the furniture-only chain is coming soon to Chard. St Margaret's shops are renowned for selling quality goods, and the new shop will stock an eclectic mix of much-loved second-hand items, complemented by a small line in brand-new furniture. The new shop can be found on the corner of Holyrood Street, just yards from the existing St Margaret's charity shop (which sells clothing, bric-a-brac, books, etc and has become a particular favourite with mums looking for children's wear and nursery equipment).

It costs approximately £27,400 a day to fund the specialist care and support St Margaret's provides to local people with a life-limiting illness and their families. The profits from St Margaret's charity shops are used to help fund this free service.

To donate your unwanted items of good quality furniture and stock the new shop in Chard, please call 01935 410126. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the new shop (or the current shop) please call Duncan Albutt on 07734 954912. Says Duncan: "I'm really excited by this new venture and I think the people of Chard will be pleasantly surprised to see how we can give their homes a whole new look at a bargain price. Watch out for notice of the grand opening date and join us on the day".

Summer BBQ, Booze and Blues!

The Producers to play at the Square & Compass tonight

BEING invited to play prestigious Festival slots is always a sign of a band on its way, however receiving invitations to open concerts from luminaries like John Mayall, Taj Mahal, Dr John, Peter Green and Robert Cray has quickly led to The Producers becoming a major attraction in their own right. With seven acclaimed albums, air play and live appearances across Europe, the States, Australia and New Zealand, The Producers are now playing headline dates and rightfully assuming a prominent position on blues awards podiums.

The Producers will play a special evening at The Barn at Square+Compass, Windmill Hill near Ilminster TONIGHT (Friday, August 8th) with doors opening at 8pm. Tickets are £15 in advance or £17.50 on the door, and admission includes hot BBQ food. For more details call 01823 480467.

Tickets available from the venue, collect in person or phone to pay by card, Tickets also available online from www.mojopromo.co.uk or at: Black Cat Records, Taunton

WORLD WAR I CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS AT THE ROYAL OAK

A FANTASTIC day for all involved was had at The Royal Oak last weekend to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War 1.

£200 was raised for Help for Heroes thanks to the purchase of wristbands, donation buckets and donations from takings on the day.

Customers came dressed in period costume, and were entertained with live music from Rockin' Ronnie, who performed songs from war time til present. There was also a special visit from 'Elvis'!

A BBQ and beers were also enjoyed on the hot summer day.

The Royal Oak in Crewkerne has regular live music events in their enormous garden - keep checking advertising in The Weekender for upcoming events. This Saturday sees a performance from Elijah Wolf on Saturday (August 9th).

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As always, visitors can expect a wide range of stalls selling everything from vintage china, furniture and textiles to glassware, antique jewellery and silver, plus a selection of collectables and curios.

In the Main Gallery will be the 'Artists 303' exhibition on display. There'll also be a well-stocked Craft Shop and a vibrant Café (open until 3pm) making Ilminster Arts Centre the perfect place to relax and enjoy a leisurely Saturday. Entry is free to buyers.

If you are interested in having a stall, please call: 01460 54973.

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY AUGUST 8TH

CREWKERNE: Friday board games/jigsaw morning at Henhayes Centre -11am to 12noon. Come along to see what is on offer

CLAPTON: Lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH

MISTERTON: Misterton Annual Show - Flowers, Veg., Home Bake, Art, Crafts, etc. At Misteton Village Hall. 1.30-4pm. 80+ classes, over 300 entries. Prize giving and auction of goods at 3.30pm. Free parking. Entry £1 including drink (children free). For more details call 01460 74808/78931.

CHARDSTOCK: Chardstock Show at Chardstock Community Hall, 2.30pm. Entrance 50p. Flowers, vegetables and handicrafts.

SOUTH PERROTT: Flower Festival in St Mary's Church, 11-5pm. Stalls and cream teas from 2-5pm.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club Flower Show at Millennium Hall. Open to the public, 2.30-5pm. Teas and homemade cakes. Free entry. For more details call 01460 249291.

SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH

MERRIOTT: A Summers Afternoon Classical Special with the Valido String Quartet at All Saints Church. Afternoon starts at 2.30pm with refreshments in the grounds of the 15c Church, with the concert at 3pm. Tickets £7, under 18s free. Profits from the concert to the Church Fabric Repair fund, in particular the repair of the church Lychgate. Tickets can be reserved by calling 01460 76360 or purchased from Osborne Store of Merriott or Crewkerne Tourist Centre.

CHARD: Historical Health Walks (Guided free*) at 2.30pm for 1½ hrs. Start opposite Chard Beacon(Crowshute Link eastside). Finish at Chard Museum for tea or coffee and biscuits. Contact: nfo@chardmuseum.co.uk or ring 65091 to book place. Promoted by Chard Museum High St, Chard, TA20 1QB. *Event sponsored by Nigel Pearson/SCC Health and Well-being Fund

SOUTH PERROTT: Village Open Day. Classic cars, collectables and craft stalls. Church Tower open. Playzone, gardens, jazz band, art exhibition.

CLAPTON: World War I Commemoration event from 11am until 4pm at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. There will be an exhibition of memorabilia, focussing on local connections with the war which will include tangible items, together with a multimedia presentation running continuously throughout the day. Light refreshments (coffee, cakes, lunches, cream teas) will be served all day. All welcome; donations for The Royal British Legion and St Dunstan's. If anyone is able to contribute information, mementoes, photographs etc. to the event, please contact Richard Jeffery (01308 868955)

TUESDAY AUGUST 12TH

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per sessiona t Henhayes Centre. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm at Henhayes Centre

THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association social evening in the Town Hall at 7.30pm, with invited guests from Chard Camera Club and The Digital Photography Group of the Chard and Ilminster U3A. The evening will consist of an illustrated talk on the life of a Royal Naval Photographer given by a currently serving Leading Royal Naval Photographer.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit - CANCELLED, but will resume on the 21st August.

FRIDAY AUGUST 15TH

CREWKERNE: Friday board games/jigsaw morning at Henhayes Centre -11am to 12noon. Come along to see what is on offer.

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH

DONYATT: Fun Day at the village hall, 12noon start. Free admission. Three Counties Swing Band, Balloon Race, Bouncy Castle, Games, BBQ, Sideshows.

CHARD: Summer Fete and Craft Fair at the Oak Lodge Car Centre, Lordsleaze Lane, 2-5.30pm. Afternoon of fun for all the family, including bouncy castle, craft stalls, tombola, face painting, raffle, cakes, cream teas, games and much more. Live music from Ray Denning 3-4.30pm. Entry 50p adults, under 13s free. All proceeds to MNDA and Oak Lodge' minibus campaign.

CHARD: The Friends of Essex House Medical Centre are holding a coffee morning at The Baptist Church, 10am and 12pm. Includes a table top sale.

Vinyl Saturday is back

THE continuing upsurge in vinyl records fostered by a large number of radio and tv shows on the listening pleasure of records, should come as no surprise to Dorset, Somerset and Devon music fans, with a number of new record shops opening throughout the area and Bridport becoming established as "The Hay-On-Wye" type town for Record and CD Buyers with its quarterly Vinyl Saturday Record and CD Fair and many shops around the town plus a number of Saturday and Wednesday Market stalls also selling records and cds.

Vinyl Saturday Bridport started in November 2008 at the dawn of the renaissance of renewed interest in vinyl records made Bridport the first town in the UK and probably Europe to recognise it and offer music fans the opportunity to buy find and buy vinyl records again and other music related items all in one town.The event was that successful that in the following year - The world's leading authority on all things vinyl Record Collector Magazine recognised it as Fair of the year with the event being fully supported by the Town Council, Tourist Board, Shops and Bridport Market Traders for bringing visitors to the area.

The next Vinyl Saturday Bridport event on August 16th also takes place during Bridports Carnival weekend, and includes the quarterly record and cd fair which is held in Bridport United Church, East St, DT6 3LJ from 10am to 4pm, admission £1.

Contact Info Roy Gregory 07429 102645 vinylsaturday@hotmail.co.uk

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Daily: 11.00, 12.00, 13.50, 15.00, 17.00, 18.00, 20.10, 21.00
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Fri, Mon-Wed: 11.30, 14.30, 17.30, 19.30, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 14.30, 17.30, 19.30, 20.30
Thu: 14.30, 17.30, 20.30

How To Train Your Dragon 2 PG
Daily: 12.10, 14.40, 17.10

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Fri, Sat, Mon-Wed: 10.50, 13.00, 15.10, 17.20
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Daily: 14.20, 19.45

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Daily: 11.45, 16.50

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Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 20.50

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Fri-Wed: 15.45, 21.20, Thu: 21.20

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Fri-Wed: 10.30am

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Fri-Wed: 20.45

This week's new cinema releases

THE EXPENDABLES 3 12A

BARNEY and his team, known as "The Expendables", come into conflict with ruthless arms dealer Conrad Stonebanks, the Expendables' co-founder, who is determined to destroy the team.

All-star cast includes Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

JIMI: ALL IS BY MY SIDE 15

DRAMA based on the pre-fame years of the late-great Jimi Hendrix.

Stars André Benjamin as Hendrix, with Imogen Poots, Hayley Atwell and Burn Gorman.

THE INBETWEENERS 2 15

NEIL, Will and Simon receive an invite from Jay to join him in Australia whilst on his gap year. With their lives now rather dull compared to their hedonistic school days and legendary lads holiday, it's an offer they can't refuse. Will soon finds himself battling with the lads to do something cultural, whilst they focus their attention on drinking, girls, and annoying fellow travelers.

Stars Simon Bird, James Buckley, Joe Thomas and Blake Harrison

PLANES: FIRE & RESCUE 12A

WHEN Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he joins a forest fire and rescue unit to be trained as a firefighter.

Disney animated fun with voices from Dane Cook, Ed Harris and Julie Bowen

GOD'S POCKET 15

When Mickey's crazy step-son Leon is killed in a construction 'accident', nobody in the working class neighborhood of God's Pocket is sorry he's gone. Mickey tries to bury the bad news with the body, but when the boy's mother demands the truth, Mickey finds himself stuck in a life-and-death struggle between a body he can't bury, a wife he can't please and a debt he can't pay.

Stars Philip Seymour Hoffman in one of his final roles, Christina Hendricks and John Torturro.

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SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH

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MONDAY AUGUST 18TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness August Meeting. Guest Speaker: Jane Duggleby Topic: Sound Relaxation Venue: Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. Time: 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 78673.

TUESDAY AUGUST 19TH

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20TH

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THURSDAY AUGUST 21ST

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY AUGUST 22ND

ILMINSTER: Horseshoes and Handprints Quiz at The Shrubbery Hotel, 7.30pm for 8pm start. £10 per team of four. For more details call 01460 63856.

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD

DOWLISH WAKE: Craft Fair 'Made In Chillington' at Speke Hall, Dowlish Wake, 10am-4pm. Cream Teas available. Handicrafts, glass, wood, cards, paintings, photographs, cakes, homemade produce, burgers and lots miore. In aid of St James' Church, Lower Chillington.

BARRINGTON: Village Fete, 2-5pm at the Village Hall and Recreation Field. Children's fancy dress competition at 1.30pm outside St Mary's Church, procession to the village hall for the fete opening at 2pm. Music from Phoenix Brass Band, afternoon teas on the terrace, grand raffle, Men's Summer Hat competition, and fortune-telling Mystic Mariner! Beer tent, Pimms bar, food village. Dog show, exhibition of vintage bicycles. Entry £1 (children under 12 free), to include a programme with winning lucky number. Barrington Boar will have music from 'The Railhogs' from 9pm.

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH

DINNINGTON: Dinnington Cross Country Fun Ride at Dinnington TA17 8SX from 9.30am, £12 entry on the day, open to all, under 14s must be accompanied, public liability insurance must be valid. In aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Rotary Charities. More info: Rotarian Nick Bacon 01460 72665, or www.crewkerne-rotary-club.co.uk

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FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH

ILMINSTER: Heritage of the Ile Workshop at the Meeting House, 9.30am - 1p.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST

DOWLISH WAKE: Flower, Craft & Vegetable Show at Speke Hall. Judging from 11am, show open to public at 2pm. Cream teas in the Manor House Gardens from 2pm (courtesy of Emma Clark).

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

CHAFFCOMBE: Wine and Cheese Quiz in the village hall, from 7.30pm. Teams of four at a cost of £5 per person, to include a light supper. No knowledge of wine of cheese necessary as it is all a bit of fun, so why not come along and join in. Tickets available 01460 61407

South Somerset Scouts go out with a bang

SOUTH Somerset District Scouts will be no more as of this autumn when they merge with other groups in Taunton to become Blackdown District, under one commissioner, Pam Gaines.

The decision was taken at county level after increasing difficulty in finding a district commissioner to cover the current area. Blackdown will be known as a shadow district until it is formally instated after the summer break.

In the meantime, the South Somerset District Scouts enjoyed their final district camp under that name at Boozer Pit in Merriott.

Camp is still one of the favourite parts of being in the scouts as the young people – both boys and girls – get to work together in an outdoor environment, learning how to pitch tents, build gadgets out of wood and twine, make fires and cook.

On the Saturday the Beavers, who are too young to sleep over, got to spend the day at camp and enjoy crafts, nature trails and other fun activities in the fresh air.

The older scouts were able to do wall climbing, archery and pistol shooting.

The mayors or their deputies from Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster also went along to observe the activities and sometimes even join in.

GIRL POWER: 1st Ilminster pounding posts

CAT AND MOUSE: Playing the parachute game

ON FIRE: Ilminster Scouts make kindling

CLIMBING SKILLS: Scouts using the 1610 climbing tower at camp

TARGET PRACTICE: Ilminster mayor Emma Jane Taylor and Chard deputy Garry Shortland join the scouts for archery

WOOD STORE: Crewkerne Scouts and poles

JUST FOR THE DAY: Beavers make windmills

EMBRACING THE CHANGE: New Blackdown District commissioner Pam Gaines (centre back) with area district commissioner Clive Welch to her left and members of Ist Ilminster Scout Group

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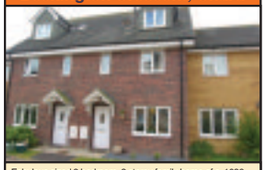

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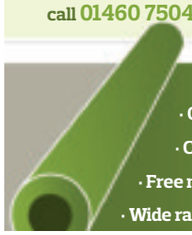

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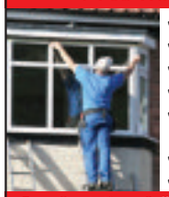

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Mazda Contract Hire in the Fast Lane to Another Record

MAZDA Contract Hire is poised for another record year following a near doubling of business in the first quarter of the organisation's 2014/15 financial year.

In the three months April-June, 2014 - the first quarter of Mazda Contract Hire's 2014/15 financial year - it put more than 300 new vehicles on the UK's roads compared with 153 cars in the equivalent 2013/14 quarter.

As demand for the all-new Mazda3, Mazda6 and Mazda CX-5 from fleets and company car drivers continues to escalate, it is expected that Mazda Contract Hire will beat 2013/14 business levels when a record 1,133 cars were leased, up 214 percent year-on-year beating the previous best set seven years ago by 51 percent.

Mazda Contract Hire is a key business offering for the marque's franchise dealer network and particularly its six Fleet Specialist Dealers - Arnold Clark in Stirling, JCT600 in Bradford, Norton Way in Letchworth, Johnsons in Oxford, Holdcroft Mazda in Stoke-on-Trent and RRG Mazda in Salford.

Mazda Head of Fleet Steve Tomlinson said the launch of more competitive lease rates by Mazda Contract Hire on the ever-popular Mazda6 coupled with the early 2014 launch of the all-new Mazda3 had been instrumental in the rise in demand.

He said: "Since its launch in January 2013, the monthly contract hire rates across the Mazda6 range have reduced by, on average, £40 a month meaning it is now available from £199 per month (ex-VAT). Additionally, the availability since January this year of the all-new Mazda3 from just £169 per month (ex-VAT) makes both models highly attractive."

Tomlinson continued: "Mazda Contract Hire business almost doubled in Q1 2014/15 and is trending on a similar curve at the start of Q2 so we expect that demand in the first half will be significantly up on the first six months of 2013/14."

Corporate demand for cars, including the Mazda CX-5 and the iconic Mazda MX-5, through Mazda Contract Hire increased in the second half of 2013/14 with the introduction of more competitive lease rates and the addition of two dealers to its Fleet Specialist network.

Nevertheless, Tomlinson said: "In the last 12 months demand for company cars through Mazda Contract Hire has gathered significant momentum and we see that continuing. As a result we anticipate 2014/15 to be another record year for the business."

He continued: "Our entire dealer network is open for fleet business. In addition to the Fleet Specialist Dealers, the remainder of our network is increasingly recognising the importance of engaging with businesses in their surrounding areas.

"Corporate sales should be a major component of our dealers' sales mix and Mazda Contract Hire, which delivers budgeted monthly motoring that is particularly important for SME businesses at a time when credit is tight, is a core channel for our dealer network."

At the heart of Mazda's vehicle range are the trio of models - the all-new Mazda3, Mazda6 and the Mazda CX-5, available from £229 per month (ex-VAT) - all powered by its emission-cutting, fuel-saving SKYACTIV technology underpinned by the brand's established characteristics of first class performance, excellent vehicle reliability and strong whole life costs.

Further supporting the Mazda Contract Hire proposition is model availability. Dealers are able to meet corporate demand typically within 10-14 days of orders being placed, should that be required. That compares favourably with some other manufacturers quoting significant lead times on their key fleet models.

Tomlinson concluded: "Employees are seeing an increasing number of Mazda vehicles in the company car parks and on the roads and that is having a major 'pull' when it comes to them choosing their new company car.

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Dillington Pond, Sunday, August 3rd
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SUMMER LEAGUE 7

THE pond continues to fish really well with some lovely nets of quality roach and rudd along with quite a few small tench and odd skimmers and perch.

The top five in today's match all had double figures and Tackleuk's Ashley Tomkins had the top weight on the day from peg 13 with a cracking net of quality fish weighing 21lb 10oz, mostly caught on caster shallow.

Graham Field was second with a whip caught 15lb 4oz from peg 6, Jamie Rich was just behind with 14lb 3oz from peg 8.

After seven matches, and dropping the worst result, Graham Field leads the league with a perfect six point score followed by Robin Cox on 18 and Stuart Alford on 21.

Result: 1 – Ashley Tomkins (Tackleuk) – 21lb 10oz, 2 – Graham Field (Taunton) – 15lb 4oz, 3 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) – 14lb 3oz, 4 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 13lb 11oz, 5 – Leighton Cox (Ilminster) – 10lb 6oz.

The next match is on Sunday, August 17th and the draw is at the Royal Oak at 9am.

For a full match report go to; againstmenandfish.blogsot.co.uk

jack high bowls news

Ilminster through to Turnbull final

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

ILMINSTER men will play in the Double Rink National Final at Leamington Spa after a 13-shot win against TOPSHAM (Devon) in match was played on a neutral green at Culm Vale (Cullumpton).

Details: Will Anderson, Jason Miles, Peter Mattravers and Mark Denslow 18, L Phillip's 15; Matt Hamilton, John Ridout, Neil Rowe and Louis Ridout 21, C Holland 11.

In The Turnbull Cup Ilminster made it through to the semi-final after a 88-46 win against PORTISHEAD on Tuesday.

The semi-final was played at Taunton BC on Sunday with Ilminster and Banwell fighting for a place in next week's Final.

Ilminster played extremely well to win by 97 shots to 58 with Mark Denslow and Louis Ridout fighting it out for the highest winning rink with Mark coming out on top with a winning card of 29 shots to 9.

Details: Will Anderson, Paul Denslow, Jason Miles and Mark Denslow 29, B Taylor 9; Chris Robinson, Alan Holt, Neil Rowe and Louis Ridout 27, D Johnson 12; Rowland Garland, Kevin Hamilton, Bev Brister and Peter Mattravers 24, M Davies 14; Matt Hamilton, Eric Keitch, Steve Turner and John Ridout 17, J Davies 23.

Ilminster now play Taunton BC in the Final at Bristol on Sunday (August 10th).

In the County League Ilminster B won by just one shot at home to 4th placed WELLINGTON.

This leaves the team six points clear of second placed Wyrral Park who have to visit Ilminster in two weeks time.

The rain cleared just in time for the start on Saturday in a must-win game against Wellington and it proved to be close with the game going to the last end with a one shot victory for the home team.

Ilminster won one rink, lost one and drew the other to win overall by 45 shots to 44 - Ilminster nine points Wellington three.

Details: Ken Parker, Colin White, Alan Holt and Kevin Hamilton 17, M Groves 14; Andy Williams, Dave Collins, Phil Cox and Roland Garland 14, P Killet 14; Des Maull, John Osborne, Barry Sims and Eric Keitch 14, W Head 16.

The C team also had a vey close game against 3rd placed WILLITON but just lost out by two shots 55 to 57.

Details: John Wells, John Mitchell, Braine Davies and David Pugh 10, A Sully 25; Mark Davies, Roger Lench, Steve Webster and Sam Webster 19, D Sully; Mike King, Keith Swift, Roy Orme and Robin Trump 26, R Amery 9. Ilminster 2 points Williton 10.

In the Wessex Mixed League Ilminster were at home to SHERBORNE losing on all rinks and by 45 shots to 85.

Details: Sara Lightfoot, John Wells and David Pugh 11, B Wallis 24; Jill Wells, Mike King and Ken Parker 13, C Perry 19; Val Dargue, Dave Cox, Jill Parker 8, J Tuffin 23; Norma Pugh, Roger Lench and Roy Orme 13, J Nunn 19.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*

LAST Monday the short mat bowlers from HEMYOCK visited Chard for a friendly.

The hosts were in good form and won all four games with the final score Chard 57 Hemyock 25.

The lawn bowlers did not have such a good experience when they welcomed the players from the AVON & SOMERSET POLICE last Thursday.

This match brought Roy Vaux's winning run as Captain to an end with Chard going down 54-76.

The scores were tight on three rinks but on the fourth the police were just too strong.

Rink score: Rink 1 -14 shots to Chard 16 shots to A&S Police. Rink 2 – Chard 17 shots, A&S Police 18. Rink 3 - 6 shots to Chard, 27 shots A&S Police. Rink 4 – 17 shots Chard, 15 shots A&S Police.

CHARDSTOCK *with Gordon Bodily*

ON Sunday, July 27th our visitors were BROADCLYST BC to play a mixed friendly, scores; E Van Der Meulen, B Howard, Barbara Sluman 12 S Hieensen 31, Cynthia Bradford,A Callagan, K Wakelin 19 D Bought 9, R Wines, D Eldridge, G Bodily 23 J Brain 12, J Marks, Ann Sebright, J Tucker 18 T Rasbedge 20, final score; Chardstock 72, Broadclyst 72.

The following Tuesday our visitors were seven ladies from SOUTH PETHERTON to play a three-rink friendly, scores; Jeanette Porter, Ann Sebright, Barbara Sluman 19 T Dredge 20, Marjorie Davenport, Cynthia Bradford, Ann Dredge 17 A Acland 14, Phylis Baldwin, Doris Emery, Sue Dando 19 E Beckey 14, final score, Chardstock 55 South Petherton 48.

On Wednesday July 30th the mens over 60s 'A' team were away to CREDITON (C).

Scores; Peter Compton, Mar Toms, Norman Denslow 20,K Snell,17, Ken Warren,Albert Day, John Porter 17, L Bradfield 19, final score; Crediton 36, Chardstock 37.

On the same day the mens over 60s were home to TIVERTON WE (D) Wallace Kerr, Marshal Davenport, Terry Dredge 38, B Berry 4, Gordon Bodily, Derek Eldridge, Jim Tucker 18, M Cesell 10, final score Chardstock 56 Tiverton WE 14.

The following day our visitors were MADEIRA BC (men) to play the Top Club Final, scores; Peter Compton, Derek Ejdridge, Wallace Kerr, Norman Denslow 13 M Orchard 17, Adam Dredge, Terry Dredge 14, W Davis 25, Mar Toms 19, C Ralph 21, Bob Hill, Albert Day, John Porter 16, C Skinner 15, Ray McDonald 8, JW Herlock 21, final score; Chardstock 70, Madeira 100.

SEVERALLS *with Pru Robbins*

ON Monday 28th July we welcomed The FREEMASONS for their annual visit for a five-rink match.

After a very friendly game we won on four of the five rinks and by 41 shots - 108-67.

Rink scores: Alec Larcombe, S.Sandford, B.McCallum, Ann Larcombe 24 D.Gibbs 13. S.Hodder, N.Austin, John Stacey and M.Rawe 25 D.Francis 14. M.Robins, B.Turner, T.Robins and R.Devney 21 D.Perkins 11. C.Phinn, A.Dowley, S.Rees and D.Rees 24 L.Noad 13. J.Davies, J.Strawbridge, H.Leamon and K.Leamon 14 K.Swift 16.

Last Saturday SHERBORNE were our visitors for a Wessex Mixed Friendly League match on a lovely summers afternoon.

After a very closely fought game we won on two rinks losing the other two and the match by seven shots 76-69.

Rink scores: N.Patel, John Stacey, M.Rawe and Ann Larcombe 11 I.Johnson 20. S.Hodder, J.Davies, A.Dow and R.Hodder 22 B.Wallis 18.

M.Robins, Jackie Stacey, T.Robins and R.Devney 17 R.Jeans 23. L.Freeman, C.Phinn, Alec Larcombe and K.Leamon 26 C.Jones 8.

league bowls Somerset

Premier 1	Pld	Pts
Clevedon	7	51
Ilminster	5	44
Bristol	7	42
Yeovil	6	40
Bloomfield	6	36
Purnell	6	35
Street	6	34
Taunton	6	33
Bath	5	33
Knowle	5	21
Portishead RBL	6	22

Premier 2	Pld	Pts
Watchet	7	65
Victoria	7	60
Banwell	7	57
Clevedon Prom	7	42
Bridgwater	7	41
St Andrews	7	40
Frome Park	7	40
Weston Bath	8	39
Yeovil B	7	31
North Petherton	7	29
Nailsea	7	24

South West 1	Pld	Pts
Ilminster B	9	89
Wyrral Park	9	83
Williton	9	80
Wellington	10	63
Watchet B	10	57
Minehead	9	56
N. Petherton B	8	54
Yeovil C	9	51
Taunton Deane	9	50
Ilminster C	10	48
Crewkerne	9	36
Bridgwater B	9	24
Vic Park (Bridgw)	8	5

North 1	Pld	Pts
Clarence	8	70
West Backwell	7	60
Isle of Wedmore	8	54
Winscombe	9	54
Burnham-on-Sea	7	48
Chew Stoke	7	43
Yatton A	8	41
Victoria B	8	40
Nailsea B	8	40
Portishead RBL B	7	33
Ashcombe	7	21

Ladies Unbadged
QUARTER-FINAL DRAW
(Saturday, August 23rd)

N.Webber (Wat) v M.Hawkins (Wx), L.Williams (Ilm) v J.McInally (Amb), TBa v K.Herbison (Con), S.Ligh (Bd) v J.Sherlock (Ba).

running chard road runners

WITH PAUL MASTERS

Hot and steamy coastal trek for Chard Road Runners

CHARD Road Runners set off looking at a very wet 18 mile run social run from Chard to Lyme Regis last Saturday.

The start was all about getting the kit right by Thorncombe the heat of the day was beginning to tell with a forecast of rain to come runners set on their way to Lambert's Castle.

This mainly off route run (part of the Ham Hill to Lyme Regis Liberty Trail) was a great challenge for the runners with the final hill onto Lamberts Castle a real steep climb that set the appetite for a refreshment break.

With 15 Runners setting off for the last leg across to Lyme Regis the heat of the day was looked set so getting to the beach was a real goal.

A great run with old and new runners supporting each other, the traditional run into the sea was enjoyed by all runners with a good cool down and the fish and chips all round.

Pictured (left) are; back Row, from left: Sarah Wyatt, Sarah Herfet, Miranda Coleberd, Andy Mear, Addie Douglas, Martin Holley, Gary Wheaton, Bernard Genge, Andy Sheahan, Kirsti Ball. Front Row: Gavin Wyatt, Chris Wadey, Helen Baxter, Phil Hodson. Not in frame Maria Wadey.

darts chard summer league

Barmy Lot away and clear

Current tables

Premier Division	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barmy Lot	10	85	131
Crusaders	10	39	112
Clubbers	7	27	80
Sharon, Sue & Lizzy Too	9	-23	72
We Can Do This	8	-22	69
Wonderers	8	-28	60
HRT	7	-19	58
Cult of Personality	9	-59	55

Most 180s:
Team: Barmy Lot 6, Player: Leighton Cox (3).
Fixtures - *August 11th: Barmy Lot v Sharon, Sue & Lizzy too, Clubbers v Cult of Personality, HRT v Crusaders, We Can Do This v Wonderers.*

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Three in a Bed	10	10	103
Madhouse Crew	9	32	102
Mighty Oaks	10	14	98
Two Minute Crew	10	2	97
B's Knees	9	23	96
Happy Days	11	-26	88
Red Devils	9	-5	82
DF's	9	-26	71
Tis-Us	9	-24	69

Most 180s:
Team: Madhouse Crew 3, Player: Becky Genge 2.
Fixtures - *August 11th: B's Knees v Madhouse Crew, Mighty Oaks v DF's, Red Devils v Tis-Us, Two minute crew v Happy Days.*

football pre-season

First Facey cup triumph for hosts Combe

Combe St Nicholas 3 Drimpton 2
Tom Facey Cup Final - Friday, August 1st
(At Slades Cross)

DRIMPTON took an early lead after 10 minutes with a bullet header from a set-piece.

Combe, still finding their feet, then conceded an own goal before pulling one back to trail at half time.

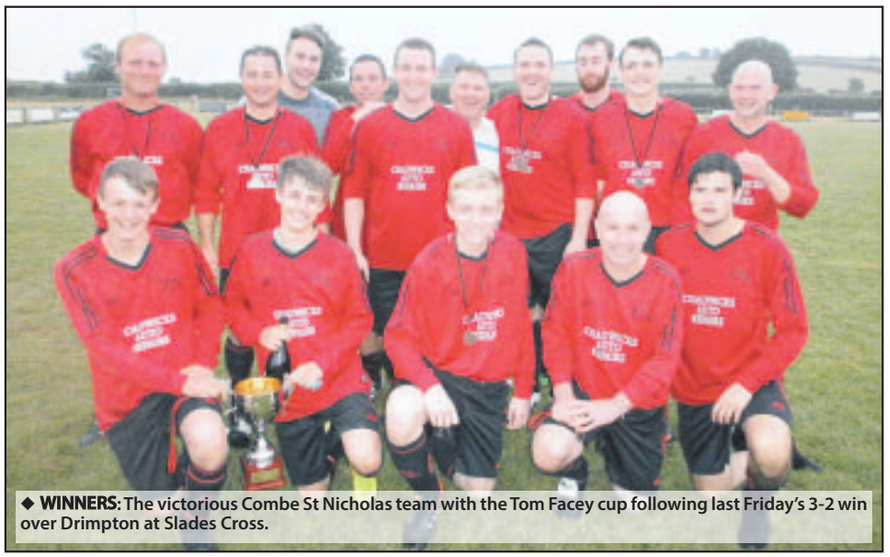
The Saints started the second-half as they had finished the first and Ian Banfield found the back of the net to square things up at 2-2 after 75 minutes with a powerful shot.

Tired legs were not so keen on taking this to extra time and thanks to Dylan Moss there was no need to.

A goal mouth scramble two minutes from time allowed Dylan Moss to bundle home the winner from close range.

Combe Skipper Andrew Denning then lifted the cup - the first time the club has managed to win it.

The club raised £500 from the competition which was handed over to Sarah Facey along with a donation from Drimpton FC which would be given to 'Click' the competition's chosen charity.



◆ **WINNERS:** The victorious Combe St Nicholas team with the Tom Facey cup following last Friday's 3-2 win over Drimpton at Slades Cross.

yeovil six-a-side league

Salmon in the pink

TWO astonishing victories provided the headlines in this week's matches.

50 Shades Of Andy Gray were imperious against bottom side Slam That Salmon, while Swag Lads were not far behind and thumped The Roundheads 11-0.

Sitecarpenters in division one were another side to rattle in 11 goals, as One Hit Wanderers were beaten 11-1 Hardly Athletic were winners elsewhere and beat B'fica by the odd goal in three to get off the mark for the campaign.

Anyone who wants to join the Yeovil 6 a side league can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
50 Shades of AG	2	22	4
Swag Lads	2	20	4
BDFC	2	4	4
Tangerine Dream	2	-12	0
Roundheads	2	-13	0
Slam that Salmon	2	-21	0

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington FC	2	15	4
Sitecarpenters	2	14	4
B'fica	2	4	2
Hardly Athletic	2	-3	2
1 Hit Wanderers	2	-20	0

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Glovers stroll in final friendly

YEOVIL completed their pre-season firendlies with a 9-0 caning of Dorchester Town on Monday night.

Manager Gary Johnson selected a side of which many are likely to be involved in Saturday's opening League One fixture at Huish Park against Doncaster Rovers.

James Hayter and Sam Hoskins helped themselves to hat tricks as the Glovers eased their way past a Magpies side that didn't help themselves by giving away some of the goals with poor defending.

Gary Johnson's charges showed their class from the start and almost went ahead on 15 minutes when a cross from Nathan Ralph got touches from Hoskins and Nathan Peprah-Annan before striking the far post.

However three minutes later the Glovers took the lead with a spectacular 25-yard shot from Seth Twumasi which screamed past Magpies keeper Alan Walker-Harris before he hardly had time to move.

Defender Matt Lanzoni doubled the lead on 36 minutes when he beat Walker-Harris to James Berrett's wide free kick to head home.

What looked a soft penalty decision when Hoskins went down under a tackle from Jake Smeeton saw Hayter add a third four minutes later; sending the keeper the wrong way.

Nick Crittenden did have a chance to pull one back in Dorchester's best spell immediately after the interval, but he drove his shot wide from 25 yards.

Soon after, it was four. Dorchester over elaborated in the centre circle and Hoskins won the ball before setting Hayter free to coolly finish.

Hayter returned the favour on 54 minutes with a diagonal ball that had Walker-Harris in two minds.

Hoskins didn't hesitate and despite the Magpies keeper closing the angle at the near post the striker, who was born in the county town, drove the ball home from the narrowest of angles.

A suicidal 35-yard backpass from Ryan Woodford just before the hour went straight to Hayter who scored the sixth from with aplomb.

Ralph, still hoping to win a contract at Huish, skipped past two defenders on the left and although Walker-Harris made a great save from Berrett the ball ran loose for Hoskins to tap home.

Hoskins completed his hat trick with another strikers finish from Hayter's pass, before late substitute Sam Foley came sliding in at the far post to convert Nathan Smith's long, low cross to complete the scoring.

In the final minute former Glover Crittenden produced a defiant angled shot but it went wide.

It will be interesting to see who Johnson will select for the opener, but it is certain they will have to get off to a good start to keep the fans, still basking in the heady heights of the Championship, from losing interest.

◆ **THUNDERBOLT SHOT:** Seth Twumasi

Ilminster seek new manager

THE hunt is on for a new first team manager at Ilminster Town FC after Matt Hughes stepped down without ever actually leading the Blues in competitive action.

The ex-Beaminster boss confirmed his decision was based on family reasons.

Anybody interested in picking up the reins of the Somerset League Premier Division side should call either club Chairman Darren Manley on 07866 441836 or secretary Andy Fish on 07875 378663.

◆ **TIME CHECK:** Emily Attfield crosses the line at last week's National Youth Circuit racing at Castle Combe in Wiltshire

cycling chard wheelers

In form Emily reaches new heights

THE Castle Combe motor racing circuit in Wiltshire, saw the latest round of the National Youth circuit racing series take place last Sunday.

Some tremendous performances and results emerged from the McKinlays 1st Chard Wheelers youth riders taking part.

The top ride of the day came from under 16 racer Emily Attfield who continued her current run of top form with probably the greatest race her career to date.

Attfield, and fellow South West regional team-mate Lauren Dolan, from Barnstaple, broke away from the field around the half way point and opened up a substantial lead.

Working together as a team, they were able to maintain a 30 second advantage over the main bunch for the rest of the race. In the final sprint, Attfield proved the stronger taking victory by a few bike lengths.

After topping the podium in the National level event, a delighted Emily said: "I thought that last lap was never going to end".

Joe West and Ryan White both recorded excellent rides in their categories, to finish in the top 20 bunch sprints against fields of over 80 riders.

Under 10 racer Jack Webb rode his first ever National level event and put in a very strong ride to take a brilliant top 10 placing over a race distance which was much longer than he is used to.

At the recent 10-mile time trial (P415 route) at Poole, Dorset, Mark German set a personal season's best of 23 m 06 seconds, while Tom Aliban was top Wheeler on 21:17.

Last weekend saw the running of the Abergavenny 50-mile TT in South Wales and several Chard riders made the trip across the bridge to compete.

Dave Lane recorded the top time of 2 hours 7m 55s while son Adrian, clocked 2:13:30.

Mark German logged 2:10:28 with Buster Lawrence on 2:12:38. Ben Moran rode his first 50 TT and recorded a very commendable 2:15:31.

Tomorrow (Saturday) evening, Joe West, Ruby Bond, Emily Attfield and Ryan White are all representing the South West region in the Inter-regional team Grand Prix around The Mall in London.

CRICKET ROUND UP

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cricket tables

WEPL Premier 2	Pld	Pts
ILMINSTER	14	211
Clevedon	14	198
Potterne	14	197*
Keynsham	14	177
Thornbury	14	165
Goatacre	14	141
Cheltenham	14	140
CHARD	14	121
Minehead	14	101
Glastonbury	14	66*

WEPL Premier 2 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Ashcott & Shapwick	14	198
Thornbury	14	192
Goatacre	14	184*
Winterbourne	14	173
Downend	14	170*
CHARD	14	157
Cheltenham	14	134
Warminster	14	130
Gloucester CW	14	125
Knowle	14	98

WEPL Brist & S 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Old Bristolians/Westbury	14	225
Minehead	14	198
Bishopston	14	194
Wembdon	14	185
Bedminster	14	163
Taunton	14	152
Brislington	14	125
Frenchay	14	119
ILMINSTER	14	104
Glastonbury	14	45*

Somerset Lge Div 1	Pld	Pts
NORTH PERROTT	14	414
Temple Cloud	14	342
Ashbrittle	14	330
Middlezoy	14	319
Bridgwater A	14	316*
North Curry	14	309
Bagborough	14	294
Purnells	14	280
Kilmington & Stourton	14	276
ILTON	14	156

Somerset Lge Div 2	Pld	Pts
Watchet	14	359
Cheddar	14	340
Huish & Langport	14	338
Kilve	14	319
Castle Cary	14	308
North Newton	14	300
BARRINGTON	14	299
Wells	14	297
Burnham	14	252
Belvedere	14	160

Somerset Lge Div 3	Pld	Pts
East Coker	14	360
Westlands	14	335
Wellington 2nds	14	331
Uphill Castle	14	319
Long Sutton	14	308
Street 2nds	14	277
Wincanton	14	262
Huntspill & District	14	235
Wedmore	14	226*
NORTH PERROTT 2nds	14	223

Somerset Lge Div 4	Pld	Pts
Lympsham	14	413
BROADWAY & HORTON	14	363
Frome 2nds	14	338
Curry Rivel	14	316
Leigh-on-Mendip	14	315
Fitzhead	14	280*
Staplegrove	14	269
Cranmore	13	231
SOUTH PETHERTON	13	201*
Horrington	14	132*

Somerset Lge Div 6	Pld	Pts
Peasedown St John	14	397
Butleigh 2nds	14	346
Taunton Deane Cavaliers	14	341
Huish & Langport 2nds	14	330
Taunton A	14	302
Sparkford	14	296
Purnells 2nds	14	252
Chilton Polden	14	252
ILMINSTER A	14	155
Castle Cary 2nds	14	-68

Somerset Lge Div 7	Pld	Pts
Winscombe 2nds	14	386
CREWKERNE	14	385
Taunton St Andrews A	14	378
Taunton Deane Crusad	14	300
Uphill Castle Cavaliers	14	280
Burnham 2nds	14	272
Wemdon Wyverns	14	258
CHARD A	14	236
Wells 2nds	14	-22
Glastonbury Lambs	14	-33

Somerset Lge Div 8N	Pld	Pts
Evercreech	13	361
ALL SAINTS	14	345
BARRINGTON 2nds	14	330
Westlands 2nds	14	316*
SOUTH PETHERTON 2nds	14	280
Kilmington & Stour 2nds	14	235
Temple Cloud 2nds	13	232
Wincanton 2nds	14	228
Cranmore 2nds	14	201
NORTH PERROTT 3rds	13	130

Somerset Lge Div 9SE	Pld	Pts
Trull 2nds	12	337
CREWKERNE 2nds	12	333
Wedmore 2nds	13	282*
Taunton St Andrews B	13	258
Long Sutton 2nds	13	249
BROADWAY & H 2nds	12	243
Huish & Langport 3rds	13	232
ILTON 2nds	12	116
CHARD 750	12	10

Devon League Div F	Pld	Pts
Chelston	13	206
Tiverton	13	192
Exwick	12	168
Upottery	12	164
Woodbury	12	156
CHARDSTOCK	13	145
Culmstock	13	132
Buckland Monochm	13	111
Lifton	12	99*
Cheriton Fitzpaine	12	62
Newton St Cyres	12	59

Mid-Wessex Div 1	Pld	Pts
Broadwindsor	9	145
Bruton	8	100
NORTH PERROTT	10	100*
Queen Camel	7	94
ILMINSTER	5	69
White Horse	8	29
Compton Dundon	7	28*

(* = pts deducted)

Ilminster closing in on promotion

Eckland and Downing see Perrott home

West of England Premier League

MATT Davis' best bowling performance of the season has taken ILMINSTER another step closer to promotion from the Premier 2 Division.

Davis took 4 for 19 from just 4.3 overs as Ilminster dismissed lowly Glastonbury for 169 in the 42nd over.

James Thompson took 3 for 48 and Ian Masters 2 for 21 as the visitors capitulated from 60 for 1.

In reply, skipper Sam Spurway, who snapped up three stumpings with the gloves, completed a fine all round performance with a top-score unbeaten seven-boundary 60 off 69 balls as the hosts cruised to an eight wicket win in the 33rd over.

Earlier, opener Louis Kraucamp (50) notched his sixth half-century of the season to move to 797 runs for the campaign – more than 300 clear of his nearest rival!

The win extends Ilminster's lead at the top of the table to 13 points with four matches remaining.

Glastonbury's defeat will have provided relegation rivals CHARD with some relief after their hefty eight-wicket reverse at Clevedon.

Rain saw this game reduced to 30 overs. After being invited to bat first Chard carded 157 for 5 with Reid Mawdesley top-scoring with an unbeaten 60 against a home attack which included Andrew Caddick among their line-up – the former England test bowler took 2 for 38 from his seven overs.

He wasn't required to bat as the hosts eased to 158 for 2 in the 26th over.

By coincidence CHARD 2NDS' Premier 2 2nd XI game against Gloucestershire-based Winterbourne was also reduced by 30 overs due to rain.

Chard skipper Andrew Clancy won the toss and opted for first use of the Dening Field track.

His charges reached 73 for 2 before collapsing to 132 all out with opener Steve Dening top-scoring with a six-boundary 39.

The visitors reached 133 for 5 with Neil Wyatt 2 for 17 and Neil Rogers 2 for 40 the most successful of the home attack.

The result puts a sizeable dent in Chard's outside hopes of grabbing a promotion spot at the 11th hour.

Meanwhile, an unbeaten half-century from George Hayward (55no) helped lowly ILMINSTER 2NDS to what could prove to be a vital win at Glastonbury in the Bristol & Somerset 2nd XI Division.

Hayward was supported by 37 from skipper Alan Sims and 35not out from Dan Dilling as Ilminster reached 217 for 6 after being put in.

Opener Alex Gould scored a fine 77 in the Glastonbury reply but three wickets apiece for the youthful opening attack of Luke Dopson (3 for 35) and Sam Grinter (3 for 37) restricted them to 195 all out in the 42nd over.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

THE **Division One** top-of-the-table clash between leaders NORTH PERROTT and second-placed visitors Ashbrittle was predictably close.

Batting first , the visitors stumbled their way to 128 all out in the face of superb spells from Alex Eckland (5 for 37) and Mark Downing (3 for 24). But the Perrott chase was far from plain sailing.

The top-order all failed to reach double figures and it was left to the same pairing of Eckland (33) and Downing (32no) to see the champions-elect over the line.

Down the bottom ILTON took a real pasting at the hands of visitors Purnells.

Nick Auger battled his way to 32 as the wickets tumbled around him as the hosts were shot out for 64 in the 19th over.

The visitors reached 68 for 0 off just 43 balls.

BARRINGTON's hopes of mounting a late promotion charge in **Divison Two** all-but ended with a three wicket defeat at Watchet.

Steve Redwood scored 42 as Barrington reached 153 for 9. But the hosts scraped home on 154 for 7 with Sam Hodkinson claiming 3 for 31.

In **Division Three** Jonny Ireland clipped a fine 60 as NORTH PERROTT 2NDS (184) won by 56 runs at East Coker. Rick Hyett took 3 for 35 and Chris Rowswell 3 for 38 in the East Coker total of 128.

The **Division Four** local-derby at Lightgate Lane was a low scoring affair. Visitors BROADWAY & HORTON could only muster 110 thanks to fine bowling from Kevin Harris (3 for 18) and Neil Boulton (3 for 20). But this proved to be too much for SOUTH PETHERTON who were dismissed for just 82 with T.Hill taking 4 for 14 and A.Mason 3 for 26.

Meanwhile, already-relegated Ilminster A's season reached a new low as they were blown out for a paltry 40 in the 21st over at Taunton Deane Cavaliers. The hosts reached 44 for 2 in 40 deliveries.

Down in Division Seven half-centuries from Jon Gould (76) and Nick Keylock (50no) saw Crewkerne (179 for 3) consolidate their second-place position with a seven-wicket win at Glastonbury Lambs (175 for 7).

Not such good news from Chard A (170 for 7; S.Dix 36) who went down by 77 runs against visitors Wembdon Wyverns (247 for 3).

Other results: Division 8N: All Sainst 203-8 (J.Short 80, M.Nunns 32; D.Best 3-48) beat North Perrott 3rds (60; J.Nunns 6-29 M.Nunns 4-32) by 143 runs. Barrington 2nds 74-2 (M.Watts 43no) beat South Petherton 2nds 71 (M.Brain 3-20) by eight wickets. **Division 9SE**: Crewkerne 2nds 180-8 (R.Keylock snr 51, N.Bodger 34; J.Payne 3-33) beat Ilton 2nds 128 (B.Willmott 30; D.Sansom 3-17, T.Johnson 3-18) by 52 runs.

Devon League Division F: Lifton v Chardstock - no play rain.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

WEPL

Premier 2 Division: Minehead v Chard, Cheltenham v Ilminster.
Premier 2 2nd XI: Chard v Knowle.
Bristol & Somerset 2nd XI: Ilminster v Taunton.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

Division One: Ilton v North Perrott.
Division Two: Barrington v Kilve.
Division Three: N.Perrott 2nds v Wincanton.
Division Four: Fitzhead v South Petherton, Broadway & Horton v Lympsham.
Division Six: Ilminster A v Taunton A.
Division Seven: Crewkerne v Chard A.
Division Eight (N): South Petherton 2nds v Cranmore, Temple Cl 2nds v Barrington 2nds, Wincanton 2nds v North Perrott 3rds, Evercreech v All Saints.
Division Nine (SE): Chard 750 v Crewkerne 2nds, Wedmore A v Ilton 2nds, Long Sutt 2nds v Broadway & H 2nds

DEVON LEAGUE

Division F: Chardstock v Exwick

SUNDAY

Readers Mid-Wessex
Ilchester v Broadwinsor, Ilminster v White Horse
North Perrott v Queen Camel

Barrington CC fun on Sunday

ON Sunday Barrington CC are hosting their annual Twenty20 fun day at their ground at Barrington Court.

The day starts at midday with Shepton Beauchamp v Barrington and is followed by the Barrington 'young pups' v the Barrington 'old boys' as they compete for the Shaun French Memorial trophy.

There will a BBQ, bar, refreshments, raffle and tea and cakes.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Somerset CCC

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Trego ton maintains cup momentum

***Somerset 371 for 8** (Compton 56, Barrow 54, Groenewald 52no)* **lost to Kent 383 for 7** (Billings 135no, Northeast 132, Bell-Drummond 61; Leach 3 for 53)
by two runs (D/L method)

SOMERSET's unbeaten start to their Royal London one-day (50 over) cup campaign ended under a barrage of boundaries and more than 750 runs at the county ground last Thursday.

After winning the toss Marcus Trescothick opted to insert the visitors on a typically flat Taunton track.

Kent got off to a flier with Dan Bell-Drummond (61) and Sam Northeast put on 117 for the first wicket.

But the hosts gradually clawed their way back into the game and had Kent wobbling at 166 for 5 in the 33rd over.

But from there on in Northeast and Sam Billings peppered, and cleared, the boundary at regular intervals.

Northeast finally fell for a run-a-ball 132 (14x4, 1x6) but it was Billings who really did the damage with an astonishing career-best unbeaten 135 off just 58 balls including 17 4s and five 6s which elevated the final score to a county best 383 for 7.

Two overs were lost to rain between innings with the target only being reduced by 10 runs to 374 according to the Duckworth-Lewis method – and this was to prove crucial.

Losing Trescothick in the first over immediately put Somerset on the back foot.

Half-centuties from Nick Compton (56) and Alex Barrow (54) kept them in with a sniff. But the chances looked slim as they slipped to 268 for 8 with nine overs remaining.

Undeterred, Tim Groenewald (52no) and Alfonso Thomas (49no) both cracked career best scores.

But for the second game in a row it was down to Groenwald to try and clinch the win off the last ball of the match. This time he needed four but could only manage a leg bye and Kent won by two runs…oh for those two lost overs!

Somerset 298 for 5 *(Trego 101, Groenewald 57, Ingram 47)* **beat Warwickshire 181all out** *(Evans 50; Thomas 3-30, Groenewald 3-37)* **by 117 runs.**

WHISPER it quietly but Tuesday's thumping 117-run win at Edbaston over the Warwickshire has propelled Somerset to the top of the Royal London Cup Group B table.

It's early days of course, but the Cidermen have certainly made a promising start in the revamped 50-ver competition.

After being inserted by hosts Somerset's innings was noticeable for the fact that it took a while for all batsmen to come to terms with the Edgbaston pitch.

When Marcus Trescothick was run out by Recordo Gordon going for a third run for 41 the Cidermen had only reached 85 for 2 in the 21st over.

A partnership of 91 for the third wicket by Pete Trego and Colin Ingram pushed the score up to 177 before South-African Ingram (47) was bowled by new Jamaican-born paceman Gordon.

Trego took full advantage of being dropped when on 29 to post his fifth century in the 50-over format.

He was eventually dismissed for 101 (4x6, 6x4) but not before being partially upstaged by Tim Groenewald, against his former county, who bashed 53 in a stand of 87.

Groenewald eventually fell for a career-best 57 off just 35 balls as Somerset posted 298 for 5.

Despite a bright start, the hosts, ravaged by international call-ups and injury, were never seriously in contention despite 50 from Laurie Evans as Groenewald completed a fine all-round performance by taking 3 for 37 with Alfonso Thomas claiming 3 for 30 and spinner Jack Leach putting in another good shift with 1 for 41 from his 10 overs.

Current tables

Royal London Gp B	P	RR	Pts
Kent	4	0.25	7
SOMERSET	4	0.71	5
Nottinghamshire	3	0.27	5
Glamorgan	4	0.18	4
Warwickshire	4	-0.07	4
Sussex	4	-0.50	4
Durham	4	-0.10	2
Middlesex	3	-0.30	2
Surrey	4	-0.42	1

County Champ Div One	P	Pts
Yorkshire	12	176
Nottinghamshire	12	171
SOMERSET	12	160
Warwickshire	12	156
Sussex	12	148
Middlesex	12	139
Durham	11	124
Lancashire	12	113
Northamptonshire	11	48

Upcoming fixtures
(all Royal London 50 overs)

Yesterday, August 7th v MIDDLESEX (at Lords.
Sunday, August 10th v SUSSEX (at Taunton 10.30am start).
Tuesday, August 12th v GLAMORGAN (at Taunton 10.30am start).

◆ **CENTURIAN:** Pete Trego's 101clinched win at Edgbaston. *Photo by ALEXANDER DAVIDSON*

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